

**Friends of Boyden Library**  
**Minutes of October 5, 2016**

Present: Dave Crimmins, Janice Rosado, Bernadette Thie, Sue Collins, Diane Monahan, Lesleyann Foster, Ann Ross, Charles DiPompo, Laurie Magee, Barbara Massey, Diane Piper, Director Manny Leite. Children's Librarian Margi Rossetti and Trustee Joe Lally.

**Meeting** called to order by **Dave**

**Minutes of September 7, 2016** were presented by **Sue**. Janice made a motion to accept Minutes; second by Bernadette. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Reports – Bernadette** presented the **Treasurer's Report** for September. Comment was made that the Book Shop donations dropped off a little bit but we are still pleased with the revenue. Charles made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by Barbara. Motion passed.

**Report from Library Director – Manny** stated that **Debbie Volpini** is retiring after working at the library for many years in various positions. She will be deeply missed. Manny has started looking for her replacement that should begin working in December. Debbie's job has been posted on the Town and MMA websites. Many applications are expected and then the interview process will begin. The Author Series has attracted an average of 50 people which is impressive. The movies usually attract a smaller number but faithful patrons.

**Report from Children's Librarian – Margi** stated that 2 of the pages have gone off to college. Two new pages have been hired. A student must be at least 14 years of age. If they under 16, they must work less hours. There were no Children's programs in September. The one-on-one Reading program with Miss Patty is excellent. Children schedule 15 minutes with her and she gently corrects them to help the child gain reading fluency. In addition, a retired Reading Specialist may also be coming. For Halloween, "Hands on Nature" will present nature's real vampires! Pam Atanasoff will conduct a musical journey with "Fun and Music for Little Pumpkins". Mrs. Dow will bring her Halloween Art Cart. A free 3 week series targeting children who are new to America called "Stories and Songs of the American Preschool" will feature stories and songs that most children are expected to know by the time they enter school. It is presented by Marcia Wright of Self Help, Inc. Margi was able co-sponsor Hugh Hanley with Mansfield Library who will be coming on June 19. Each library will pay half.

**Trustee Report – Joe** thanks the Friends for everything that we do to support the library. At the Trustee meeting, Dave had brought up the issue of making better quality shelving for our Book Shop and we hope to expand the area to under the stairway. Joe will look into making this an Eagle Scout project. Manny also wants to make sure the shelves are bolted to the wall or floor for safety sake.

**Newsletter – Liz** was unable to make the meeting but Dave stated that Liz wanted to thank everyone for their contributions. The January issue will be the last one that will be mailed out. We want to go "green". If people do not have email access, printed copies are available at the library, Town Hall and Senior Center.

**Book Shop Update– Janice** stated that we are averaging about \$50 a week. She appreciates all those who sort the books and stock the shelves. We appreciate that Charles is usually there to do any heavy lifting. It is great that any books that are not up to our standards can just be taken downstairs for Big Hearted Books. Cassettes and VHS tapes will be disposed of. As Joe Lally stated, we hope to have better quality shelving and a built-in bookcase under the staircase. After the Book Sale, the pyramid book shelving will be placed in the magazine rack area. We will call it the Boyden Bargain Basement for bargain books priced at “a Buck a Book”. It will be for paperbacks, multiple copy books or books that have not sold in quite a while. These books should not compete with the book rentals. There is also a possibility that we could have a “flash sale” on a weekend in the Tutoring room area. Sue also asked Margie if we could resume selling some select children’s books after a children’s program. Margi said that could be arranged.

**Book Sale Update – Lesleyann** spoke about having a Silent Auction at the Book Sale and perhaps have a couple of monthly items as a fundraiser. Lesleyann will check to see if a town permit is needed. Perhaps we could raffle off items that would be donated by businesses. Manny earlier had suggested raffling off an American Girl Doll during the Holidays. Lesleyann printed off some flyers and bookmarks. Several people took flyers and will post them in various places. Advertising will be: the sign on the Common, Book Sale Finder, Country Gazette and the Reporter, plus an EBlast will go out. It was decided that we would advertise a \$5 Bag Sale at the last hour of the sale. Brown paper bags would be provided. A sheet for signing up to volunteer was passed around. Lesleyann will also email everyone with the schedule. There was discussion about giving teachers coupons for the Sale. Perhaps the best option is to approach elementary school PTOs if they would be finance these coupons for teachers who are interested. Ann asked for books to be donated to the Veterans. At the end of the sale, Friends can help to have several boxes ready to be picked up by 4. Lesleyann will make signs saying “Are you a Teacher?” and we will either give that teacher a discount or tell them about the bag sale. Another sign “Are you a Friend?” will be made. If they are a new Friend, they will get a coupon for a free book.

**Meeting Guidelines (attached) – Bernadette** talked about everyone being considerate and refraining from talking to others. It is distracting plus it is hard for the secretary to hear what needs to be recorded. Janice believes that the smaller conference table has cut down on side conversations. Listing the Action Items at the end will also clarify decisions that are made. Dave thanks everyone for all their hard work.

**Election Day Table – Dave** stated that he would be happy to man the Friend’s table the majority of the day. Charles and Ann signed up to come 1-3 and Janice will be there 5-8. We will have book marks advertising the Book Sale, membership envelopes, Newsletters and donation box. Sue will remind Cathy Brady that we asked for a table.

#### **Old Business –**

**1. Correspondence – Dave** read a note from Barbara Massey thanking the Friends for funding the end of the season Book Club meeting with Chris Cormier Hayes.

**2. Aubuchon’s – Dave** stated that he called the realtor. He found out that they want to lease the property for \$10,000/month or sell it for 1.1 million or more. Dave emailed Kevin Penders with this information. Kevin will talk to William Keegan, Town Manager. Sue thanked Dave for his effort. She believes this is a great opportunity to acquire land for much needed parking.

**New Business –**

**1. TD Bank – Tracy** from the library suggested to Manny that the **Friends** should speak to Allie, the manager at TD Bank, about Affinity Memberships. It is a Fundraising program that would bring in new customers to the bank. For every existing customer that signs up, the bank will donate \$10 annually and more money if we refer a new customer to sign up for the program. The Board unanimously agreed so Bernadette and Dave will set up the account for the Friends.

**2. Staff Appreciation –** We all appreciate all the work the staff does at the library. Perhaps we can do something for them in the future. Manny liked the idea of mums and little pumpkins to decorate the library. **Diane M.** will purchase them.

**Action Items:**

- Dave will speak to Kevin Penders about the shelving becoming an Eagle Scout project
- Diane M. will purchase mums and little pumpkins
- TD Bank – Bernadette & Dave will set up the Affinity Account
- Ann will proofread the Newsletter
- Dave will get the Newsletter printed
- Dave will verify with Manny about a retirement gift for Debbie Volpini
- Lesleyann will advertise Book Sale and email schedule to volunteers
- Lesleyann will investigate if a permit is needed for Silent Auction/raffle
- Lesleyann will look into if PTO will sponsor \$5 coupons for teachers for our Book Sale

**Adjourn –** Laurie made a motion to adjourn; second by Lesleyann. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting: November 2, 2016.**

**All meetings are at 7:30 PM in the Fuller Conference Room.**

Respectfully submitted, Susan Collins