

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of February 1, 2017

Present - Dave Crimmins, Bernadette Thie, Sue Collins, Janice Rosado, Laurie Magee, Lesleyann Foster, Ann Ross, Charles DiPompo, Barbara Massey, Christina Metcalf, Liz Karvonen, Colleen McManus, Trustee Deb Stone, Director Manny Leite.

Meeting called to order by **Dave**. Introductions were made. Dave acknowledged thank you notes from Debbie Volpini and Diane Piper.

Minutes of January 4, 2017 were presented by **Sue**. Charles made a motion to accept Minutes; second by Liz. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Reports – Bernadette presented the **Treasurer's Report** for January. Membership money received so far is \$1,167.43. Laurie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; second by Sue. Motion passed.

2017 Membership Drive – Dave was happy to report that **Christina** is going to chair the Membership Committee. She stated that Canva is a free program that helps install logos on different mediums. Christina will come up with different ideas to increase memberships for the Friends. We will send out a reminder to all library patrons to send in their dues.

January Newsletter – Liz said that 340 Newsletters were mailed out with envelopes. April will be the next edition.

Report from Library Director – Manny reported on the Legislative Breakfast in New Bedford. Meeting started at 8:30 but at 9 many of the legislators had to leave to go to another meeting. Manny told the Assistants at the meeting that there is a lack of funding for libraries, especially city libraries. March 7 is Library Legislation Day and Library Directors will go to the State House. Manny will personally speak with Barrows and Timilty. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners is looking for an increase in the Budget. Upcoming Events include: 2/9 The Oscars: Good, Bad & Outrageous; 2/12 Music Program by Kolby & Keila which is sponsored by Friends; during February Vacation Week children can play R-Cades-retro video games; the movie that week will be "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children"; and on 2/26 Cold Chocolate, a Blue Grass Band will play on Sunday.

Trustee Report – Deb Stone stated that Christine Igo Freeman was appointed the Board of Selectmen to replace Sue Burlone on the Board of Library Trustees. Kevin Penders and Tom Magee are taking out papers to run again. The Library Budget was well received by the Advisory Committee. John Spinney generously donated \$10,000 to the library. It will be earmarked for a special project.

Book Shop Update– Janice reported that the Book Shops continues to do well. Janice requests that people put the date on the first page so she can weed old books out. There is no one for Thursdays so Charles volunteered to help. Several people commented that they have trouble locking the bin with the key. Dave volunteered to get a new lock. Sue suggested that once the bin lock is open, take the key out and manually turn the lock. While sorting, if you see an old book, bring it down to The Last Chapter.

Old Business –

- 1. Lesleyann** – for a **Raffle** she wants the American Girl doll “Gabriella” with a cat and book; for boys, a unique Lego kit, such as Star Wars for ages 12 or younger. She has all the paperwork and Bernadette and Dave are co-signers. Manny suggested 2 different colored raffle ticket rolls. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6/\$5. Prizes will be displayed in the Children’s Department and a sign displayed at the Circulation Desk. Publicity can be geared towards Working Women’s Group, Foxboro Discussion Group, etc. Hopefully doll and Legos will be available for April vacation. Winners could be picked at Founders Day. Lesleyann will write to the companies and ask for a discount. Dave made a motion for \$400 to purchase the prizes; second by Janice. Motion passed.
- 2. Sue** went to **Brattle Book Shop** to sell vintage books. She received \$30 for her efforts and will continue to pursue this venue.
- 3. Ann** continues to supply books to the **Food Pantry** twice a month. She says the children’s books continue to be popular!

New Business –

- 1. Sunshine Fund** – Sue presented suggested events for Board Members and select Staff with dollar amounts for donations, gifts or flowers. This was formulated by the Executive Board. The form will be kept on file for future reference.
- 2. Bernadette** – has investigated getting a **swipe** as an attachment to a Smart Phone to be used for future Book Sales. We believe this will be helpful to patrons who are short on cash and don’t have a check book handy. It will be free of charge to get the swipe but a small percentage is charged for each purchase.
- 3. Sue** brought up the issue of what happens if a patron wants to be a **volunteer** for the Friends. Manny will send out an email to staff at the Circulation Desk that they should be referred to Dave Crimmins.
- 4. Barbara** was asked to pick the most popular titles from the **Library Book Club**. This will be published in the April Newsletter.
- 5. The Foxboro Art Association** – Manny informed Dave that the Foxboro Art Association is celebrating their 60th Anniversary and wondered if the library would like to participate in a joint program. Dave, Manny & Christina are in the preliminary stages of developing some ideas.

Action Items:

- 1. Christina** will have the **Membership Committee** meet and formulate ideas to increase Friends’ membership,
- 2. Lesleyann** will purchase an American Girl Doll with accessories and a Lego kit for boys. She is hoping to have the raffle ready for April vacation.
- 3. Manny** will email staff regarding procedure if a patron want to volunteer for the Friends.
- 4. Dave, Manny & Christina** will be working with the Foxboro Art Association for plans to include the Friends in the 60th Anniversary celebration.
- 5. The Friends** will prepare a **Dues Reminder EBlast** to be sent out to patrons in **March/April**.

Adjourn – Janice made a motion to adjourn; second by Charles. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: March 1, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the Fuller Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Collins