

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of November 1, 2017

Present: Dave Crimmins, Bernadette Thie, Sue Collins, Janice Rosado, Ann Ross, Lesleyann Foster, Christina Metcalf, Diane Monahan, Barbara Massey, Laurie Magee, Colleen McManus, Charles DiPampo, Director Manny Leite, Children's Librarian Margi Rossetti, and Trustee Tom Magee.

Meeting called to order by **Dave**.

Minutes of October 4, 2017 were presented by **Sue**. Laurie made a motion to accept Minutes; second by Ann. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Reports – **Bernadette** presented the **Treasurer's Reports** for October. A Lifetime Member made a donation. We got a refund from the State Lottery. To encourage early memberships, Bernadette proposed to have some books in a tote bag and enter their names in a raffle. Dave asked her to write up a proposal. Liz would put this article in January Newsletter. Margie will include this in her Foxboro Reporter article. Diane made a motion to accept the report; second by Charles.

Domain Update – **Christina** did some research on the domain issue. There is a nominal fee to purchase “.org”. If you buy the software for a website the “.org” is included. Instead of a quarterly newsletter perhaps we could publish a bimonthly letter online. Instead of paying for Constant Contact, there is a free way to do it and it is more flexible. Christina will try to design a temporary website. Colleen is comfortable with what Christina is proposing and perhaps could help. Diane suggested reaching out to the state Friends group to see what they do. Perhaps we could have a one page publication with graphics. Then click on links if you want to find out more on a subject. Christina will contact a colleague for advice. It is labor intensive to set it up but then it should be relatively easy to maintain. Christina showed us a sample of a lawn sign. We approved after some discussion. If you live on a busy street and can display a sign let Lesleyann know. Lesleyann proposed a banner for Book Sale with “Sponsored by Friends” on the other side plus purchase a retractable banner could be made. Sue made a motion for \$587 but amended it to \$650 to pay for lawn signs, second by Colleen. Motion passed.

Book Sale Update/Raffle – **Lesleyann** said that Christina helped her design bookmarks and other ways to advertise the book sale. We will have a tote bag with books and a rental card for a raffle. Whenever a patron cashes out, they get a raffle ticket. The winner can swap out for the books that they would prefer. Bernadette will make a list of paid members for the Book Sale cashiers. There was discussion of perks for members. A Membership Committee of Colleen, Christina, Laurie, Lesleyann and Dave will meet in the future to discuss perks for membership. People have signed up to volunteer at Book Sale. Set up is Wednesday at 4 pm. Colleen has 6-7 students to help. Bernadette will get startup money and swipe for credit cards.

Report from Library Director – **Manny** said the Salem Hysteria was well attended. This actors' group will present 2 more shows. Wonder Woman movie is coming. An actress will present a classic Christmas program. There is a Creepy Christmas program that will need to reserve seating. Bernadette suggested we share expenses with library so she made a motion for \$450 for this program, second by Janice. Motion passed. Colleen proposed having a parking spot as a perk. Several movies will be shown during school

vacation week. In January, several programs will be presented. A cooking demonstration should be popular. A technology program to help people with problems operating a new device they may have been given for the Holidays is coming back again

Report from Children's Librarian – Margi wrote a letter to Jeff Kinney asking him to join us at the library for an author visit for this Summer's Reading Program. She also inquired if he could sell some of his autographed books. Margi has not heard back from him. It was suggested that we could offer that when The Unlikely Story Bookstore hires a popular speaker, we could propose sharing costs for the speaker and have them appear here also. In October, there were 2 small events. Miss Pam's program was popular as always. Margi is hoping a Patriot player may come soon! Yoga Camp is going to have another appearance. There will be a Family Program during vacation week.

Trustee Report – Tom Magee asked if there are any questions or concerns for Trustees. Charles asked about the issue with the recent poster display. The posters theme was Freedom of the Press. Two posters were deemed inappropriate for a public multi-purpose meeting place where children should not be exposed to these vivid pictures. One was a journalist who was shot and there was blood running down the street. The other poster had a demonstrator using a crude hand gesture. Manny and Tom went to the Foxborough Cultural Council who was upset about the censorship issue. They also went to the Foxborough Arts Association meeting. Both are satisfied with our explanation. A new policy regarding displays needs to be written. The problem was that one person notified Christina that he was putting some posters up but no detailed information was given. We should have some idea of the contents of an exhibit. This exhibitor said there never was a problem before but we found out that is not altogether true. We discovered exhibitors used to go to the Director but that process broke down when a new Director and secretary were hired. There was also some confusion between the Foxboro Cultural Council and the Foxboro Art Association responsibilities. Television and newspaper news sources wanted to sensationalize that we were censoring material. Different groups have sent materials regarding censorship that are helpful. We are using the town's legal counsel to draft a policy regarding matters such as these.

New Business – none

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1. Dave asked about poinsettias for the library. Staff approved fewer plants. Dave will purchase four.
2. Dave will look into some refreshments for Holidays for staff, perhaps pastries and coffees and teas. Charles made a motion for \$150 with a second by Bernadette.

Action Items:

1. **Bernadette** will draft a proposal for an early membership raffle prize.
2. **Liz** will publicize this raffle in January Newsletter.
3. **Margi** will publicize raffle in her biweekly article in Foxboro Reporter.
4. **Dave** will reach out to other Friends groups in the state for suggestions.
5. **Christina** will continue to work on the Domain issue and design a website. **Colleen** can assist with website design.
6. **Christina and Bernadette** will send out the correct autumn edition of our Newsletter (know it is easy to make a mistake).
7. **Dave** will print out hard copies of Newsletter for library, Senior Center, and Town Hall.
8. Email **Lesleyann** if you live on a busy street to display lawn sign for Book Sale.

9. **Lesleyann** will create a raffle prize of a tote bag with books and rental book gift card.
10. **Bernadette** will give list of paid members for the Book Sale cashiers.
11. **Bernadette** will bring startup money and swipe for credit cards.
12. **Membership Committee** Colleen, Christina, Laurie, Lesleyann and Dave will meet.
13. **Colleen** will bring students to help set up for Book Sale.
14. **Lesleyann** will bring Honor students for cleanup.
15. **Dave** will purchase 4 poinsettias for Holidays.
16. **Dave** will look into refreshments for staff for Holidays.

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

Next meeting January 3, 2018

Respectfully submitted, Susan Collins