

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of May 3, 2017

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

Meeting called to order by **Dave**.

Minutes of April 5, 2017 were presented by **Sue**. Colleen's name was misspelled under New Business. **Laurie** made a motion to accept amended Minutes; second by Bernadette. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Reports – Bernadette presented the **Treasurer's Report** for April. Book Shop continues to do very well. A generous donation was made and their company matched it. A Memorial also made to the Friends. Memberships continue to come in. Janice made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; second by Laurie. Motion passed.

2017 Membership Update – Christina said we are continuing to receive memberships. She is investigating a domain name; she will price them for our website. This would enable us to post a blog or program news, have a link for memberships, etc. Christina wants a bigger social media presence so we are more visible to the public. She also passed around 2 tote bags. She researched price per bag, printing costs and we could sell it at venues like the Farmers Market to have a visible presence. We would have to act quickly to be ready for Founders Day. Christina presented 2 prints we could use. Executive Board should make a decision by May 26.

May Book Sale Update & Raffle – Lesleyann publicized the Sale everywhere she can think of. She wants to make sure Social Media is covered. Kathy Bell-Harney sent out an E-Blast which should be very productive. She sent out the Volunteer Sign-up Sheet. Lesleyann will ask the Honor Society students to help clean up. Christina will schedule Big Hearted Books to come Saturday at 4 to pick up all the books. Ann will give some books to the Veterans. Bernadette has a Pay Pal card reader and would like to train people on how to use. Bernadette will leave her iPad with the reader at checkout. We'll sell raffle tickets at the Book Sale. We'll have a Membership List so we can check people as they come in plus when they check out.

Book Club - Barbara said we are celebrating our second year. We read *The Island of Worthy Boys*. The author was invited to come to our May 10 meeting without the Board's knowledge. We understand the author was also promised a honorarium. Community Meeting Room is booked. Some of our members can invite a guest. Janice sent out an email requesting Book Club members to consider paying for a membership. Barbara made a request that the Friends pay the author \$100 to help the Club in this difficult situation. We had a vote and the majority voted to approve. Barbara will compose an Email Blast to the Friends inviting them to attend the author's talk. She will request that they RSVP so first come, first served.

Report from Library Director – Manny thanked the Friends for the delicious the cakes at Staff Development Day. He had the first meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee. They will start a

survey to see what they want to do. He is looking for a new cleaning company. Other libraries have had a "Murder Mystery Program" that has different people portraying different roles. Manny is looking into 2018 for Friends to participate. Several programs are lined up including a job search program. Jane Pierce will talk about vernal pools.

Report from Children's Librarian – Margi stated that Mrs. Dow's Art Cart will be coming. Sara's Yoga program was popular. Miss Pam will have her music program. Margi is working on her Summer Programs. They will have a Build a Better Bird Feeder program. Teddy Bear Picnic is always popular and will be held on Thursday, July 13. Sue proposed that the Friends set up a table with membership information and perhaps giving some items away to attract people.

Trustee Report – Kevin Penders commented that half of the Trustees were up for re-election. Kevin and Tom were elected for a 3 year term. Christina Igo Freeman was up for a 2 year term to fill in Sue Burlone's vacancy. Summer hours were discussed. There is still some money left over from the renovations and they are making arrangements for the Trustees to have control of that money. The Trustees received a large donation and this same person may donate again in the future. They would like to invite a noted author and have other components around a theme. Kevin would like to have events booked for September. He named a couple of well-known authors that might be timed in with a STEM related theme, Manny is going to help them research and book a big name.

Old Business – none

New Business –

1. Disposition of Nooks and Kindles – they aren't being used so the library is giving them back to us. Dave proposed selling them at the Book Sale. Christina will see if the Council on Aging might be interested and the Board agreed this would be a great solution.
2. Plastic bag dispenser – Sue said she saw a plastic bag dispenser at the Framingham Library on a rainy day and would like one here in Foxboro. Great idea to protect books. Manny will call Framingham for more information.

Action Items:

1. **Ann** will confirm Veteran's group to pick up book donation at 3:30 on Saturday.
2. **Christina** will call Big Hearted Books to pick up remaining books from sale at 4 on Saturday.
3. **Christina** will send Executive Board Tote bag information.
4. **Lesleyann** call Honor Society students to help clean up at Book Sale.
5. **Christina** will call Council on Aging and see if they would like to accept the Kindles and Nooks.
6. **Sue, Bernadette & Lesleyann** will set up a table at Teddy Bear Picnic on July 13.
7. **Executive Board** will meet soon to go over various items.

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

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

Respectfully submitted, Susan Collins