

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of June 6, 2018

Present: Dave Crimmins, Janice Rosado, Bernadette Thie, Sue Collins, Lesleyann Foster, Ann Ross, Jennifer Linsky, Diane Monahan, Charles DiPompo, Liz Karvonen, Director Manny Leite, Children's Librarian Margi Rossetti, Trustee Collin Earnst

Meeting called to order by President Crimmins.

Minutes of May 2, 2018 were presented by **Sue**. Diane made a motion to accept the Minutes; second by Charles. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report/Membership – **Bernadette** presented the Monthly Treasurer's Report for **May** and Year-to-date. Book Shop is going strong! We received \$89 in donations mostly from table on Election Day. We also did well with the response from the "Miss You" letters! We paid for Adult and Children's programming. Sue made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; second by Janice. Motion passed.

Book Sale Recap – **Lesleyann** was very grateful for Kerry Rosado to drive all the way to Waltham to drop off the remaining Books. That was a big worry! She appreciates all the people who helped set up and clean up at the end. Setting up the night before was great! Adam took his share. Some of the Book Dealers were very aggressive and were not respectful to our patrons. We should enforce our Code of Conduct policy. No one should block exits because it's a fire hazard. Perhaps this information could be posted on Book Sale Finder. Lesleyann is very happy with the profits! Margi has put the November and May Book Sales in the BIT Calendar. Lesleyann is thinking of starting the Bag Sale earlier. Bags were handed out to everyone. There were 25 people who volunteered which is great! More than Words will pick up the books, hopefully at no charge next time. Dave suggested more advertising. The sign on the Common has to be submitted 2 weeks early.

"Miss You" solicitation update – **Jen** stated that she sent out 122 letters and personally wrote in the names. We recently received 28 memberships with many generous donations included, such as \$60 & \$75. So far, \$1,245 has come in which is terrific!

Tote bag discussion – Dave said we have sold many plus we give a tote bag to anyone who donates over \$75. We are running low on bags. Diane questioned if we should continue with the bags we have. Dave asked Diane to get a committee and discuss whether to reorder more or perhaps discuss other swag items.

Report from Library Director – **Manny** met with some 7th graders at the Ahern and spoke to them on how important the library is and its place in the community. He was impressed with their thoughts. In conjunction with Cable Access, Manny and some of the Ahern boys and girls were taped. They were asked what their interests were. Manny would like to do this again next year. He went to the annual Massachusetts Library Association. There were many interesting

workshops. Next year it will be held in Lowell. Debbie Conrad, the Executive Director of MLA, is retiring and they are seeking more applicants. Manny would like to hire a Young Adult Librarian. This Friday there is a Monster Jam driver who will read to the kids and they'll give out free tickets.

Report from Children's Librarian – Margi said in May there was a Mothers' Day program with Mrs. Dow's Art Cart. Miss Pam was to perform. Even though people signed up at the last minute, the program was enjoyed by all. Margi is interacting with the schools this month. They are visiting all elementary schools including Sage and the Charter School, talking about the Summer Reading Program. Program is attached with all the events listed. Margi showed us some of the smaller prizes. There will also be some larger prizes such as gift cards, a signed hockey puck, Kindle Fires, and assorted books to reward the conscientious readers.

Trustee Report –Collin said they are wrapping up the year. They appreciate all of the Friends' fundraising efforts and all the programming.

Old Business:

1. **Farmers' Market – Sue** said that it started June 7-September 20, on **Thursdays from 4-8 pm**. Only 1 non-profit is scheduled each time. Rene Tocci is the contact person for the Recreation Department. **Dave, Jen and Janice** said they would meet and pick a date for us and what we would present.
2. **Teddy Bear Picnic – July 19 (July 26 rain date) 10-11 am -Sue** asked who would like to attend, sell books and sing along! Bernadette and Lesleyann volunteered!
3. **Founders Day – Sue** verified **Dave** will bring canopy and table. Two people wanted to volunteer- Kathleen Porter and Lucy Sabin. We will bring books, lollipops, Friends info. Hopefully we will sell a lot of raffle tickets! It would be great if **Lesleyann** can get the raffle winners together for a photo opportunity!

New Business: none

Action Items:

1. **Diane** will ask some people to look into an alternative to the tote bags we have as swag.
2. **Dave, Jen and Janice** will look into the **Farmer's Market**.

Adjourn: Diane made a motion to adjourn; second by Janice. Motion passed.

Next meeting – September 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins