

**Friends of Boyden Library**  
**Minutes of January Meeting**  
**January 2, 2019**

**Present:** Dave Crimmins, Janice Rosado, Sue Collins, Bernadette Thie, Lesleyann Foster, Diane Monahan, Charles DiPompo, Barbara Massey, Sara Halton, Bob Boynton, Director Manny Leite, Children's Librarian Margi Rossetti.

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

**Minutes of November 7, 2018** were presented by **Sue**. Janice made a motion to accept the Minutes; second by Bernadette. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report/Membership – Bernadette** presented the Monthly Treasurer's Report for **November/December** and Year-to-date figures.

- Received a Thank you from Doolittle Home for paying for speaker.
- Re. income, Book Shop continues to do well; donations in memory of Joan Clifford continue to come in. Expenses were mostly for children's programs and transferring money to Bartholomew.
- Sue made a motion to accept the Treasurers report; second by Lesleyann. Motion passed.

**Bartholomew Update by Bernadette** – Executive Board met with Brian Jamros and signed all the paperwork for \$45,000 investment. Bernadette received a report from them and circulated the statement.

**Book Sale Update by Lesleyann**

- Sale may not have done as well as other years. Weather may have been an issue for opening night.
- The date fell the week before Thanksgiving; she would like to move date up when necessary to insure more than a week between the sale and the holiday.
- Not many dealers came.
- Teacher awareness was good with some coupons redeemed.
- We attracted some new members that signed up.
- Bethany Church donated a lot of books; the majority were in good condition.
- Janice noted not as many leftover books as last sale.
- Dave asked if we should cut back to one sale. Board concurred that we should continue biannually.
- Lesleyann wants to limit people to 2 bags at a time at Bag Sale to make it fair for others.
- Suggestion made to close the room before the bag sale and have people cash out.
- Perhaps volunteers/new members could come early and get a discount on books, perhaps a voucher.
- Next Sale is May 15-18. Fall Sale will be November 13-16.

**Newsletter Update –**

- **Dave** said Liz is stepping down as chair.
- Manny submitted an article about Ancestry.
- Dave wants to advertise all library services including Museum Passes.

- Discussion about Membership Drive: anyone paying their membership dues by Feb. 28 will be eligible to participate in a free raffle for a tote bag filled with books and gift card. We will continue to give out a free tote bag to anyone who pays \$75 or more for their annual membership. .
- Sara will graciously take over Membership. Bernadette will assist her.

#### **Giving Tree –**

- **Diane** put the article in the newspaper. This is our 6<sup>th</sup> year!
- Every year we increase the number of tags, over 60 this year. People are always very generous.
- Diane will write a thank you for newspaper.
- Margi collected 117 books for the Discretionary Fund which is the best ever!

#### **Nomination Update-**

- **Diane** contacted board members regarding available positions and Members-at-Large; asked people to see where they wanted to volunteer.
- Some of the duties were transferred from Treasurer to Membership.
- Book Shop Chair should be added; will require by-laws change
- Dave stated that he will be stepping down as President and Janice will be taking over.

#### **Report from Library Director –**

- **Manny** said we are in the middle of 2020 budget process; met with the town Finance Team.
- Wants to add a new position for Young Adult Supervisor.
- One Up Games from Plainville came. Video games and competitions are popular.
- Sunday Concert series continues.

#### **Legislative Breakfast**

- Every year, a different library in SAILS network hosts legislators; 3 counties will be sending representatives.
- We will host it this year. Continental Breakfast is served; approximate cost is \$300. Date is January 25, 8 to 9 am.
- Sue made a motion to fund \$300 for the breakfast, second by Janice. Motion passed.

#### **Request from the M. Rodman Center for the library to purchase an ad space –**

- **Manny** passed around the information. Some discussion.
- Dave will table this item until next month's meeting.

#### **Report from Children's Librarian –**

- **Margi** stated it was a busy December.
- Twisted Art, new venture for presenter, she would like to have him back.
- Kit Atanasoff came on the Dec 26, demonstrated circus skills, and did a great job.
- New Year's Eve drew a huge crowd for a magician, nice family event.
- Margi collected 117 books for Discretionary Fund.

- STEAM Club meets monthly, parent driven. Kids work together at various stations, such as engineering and math.
- Helena Gajjar volunteers to do crafts and we pay for supplies.
- In January we will have a dental health demonstration.
- Self Help Inc. will be coming to promote literacy.

**Trustee Report –Tom** was ill.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

- **Dave** passed around the 2019 Calendar, including dates of monthly meetings.
- Dave received ideas from Joan Clifford's daughter to honor her mother's memory. Manny stated a couple of ideas. Janice suggested the troupe that performs historical scenes such as *No Irish Need Apply*. Dave proposed that we could sponsor a program for 2 or 3 years.

**Action Items:**

- **Sue** will compose some **Orientation materials** for Sara and Bob plus future members.
- **Dave** needs **Newsletter articles** to be submitted ASAP, **Lesleyann** will write an article about Book Sale.
- **Dave** will look into **By-Laws** and if we need to edit them.
- **Manny** will look into programs to honor Joan Clifford's memory.

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

**Next meeting – February 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room**

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins