

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of September Meeting
September 4, 2019

Present: Janice Rosado, David Crimmins, Bernadette Thie, Sue Collins, Lesleyann Foster, Charles DiPompo, Sara Halton, Jennifer Linskey, Bob Boynton, Barbara Massey, Colleen McManus, Library Director Manny Liete, Children's Librarian Margi Rossetti and Trustee Collin Ernst.

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order.

Minutes of June 5, 2019 were presented by **Sue Collins**. We received a note from Donna Seermon thanking us for her bouquet of flowers.

Jen made a motion to accept the Minutes; second by Dave. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bernadette Thie presented the Monthly Treasurer's Report for **June, July and August:**

- Our relationship with Adam continues to be a very profitable one.
- Our income continues to exceed our expenses.

Bernadette also presented the previous year's actual numbers and the approved budget for 2019.

Comparing these numbers with the year-to-date actuals for 2019 we appear to be doing very well.

Our Bartholomew Portfolio is steadily increasing in value.

Sue made a motion to accept Treasurers report; second by Bob. Motion passed.

Audit Report: Bob Boynton

The Audit went very smoothly. Bernadette does an outstanding job in keeping impeccable records. No recommendations are needed.

Membership: Sara Halton

- 4 new members, 181 total members.

Newsletter: Dave Crimmins

- Dave recommends publishing 3 Newsletters a year. By-laws need to be revised to reflect this
- Board agreed NL should be sent out 5 weeks before the Book Sale
- Articles from Manny and Margi are due October 1
- Manny suggested we include New Hires
- Dave likes statistics so he will include that

Book Sale Update: Lesleyann Foster

- Looking forward to an article appearing in the Newsletter and other publicity getting out. Jen is doing her part
- Sign Up Genius is up to sign up for volunteers
- Lesleyann will address more Action Items to be done next month
- Flyers need to go out
- Colleen will talk to high school groups to help set up and cleanup

Report from Library Director: Manny Leite

- This summer was a summer of interviews. **Kathy Brockway** was here for 40 years. Betsy Buckland is the new Senior Assistant; Karen Dugan increased her hours as an Assistant. Kacee Rimer is a wonderful new hire. **Donna Seermon** was here for about 20 years. **Vicki** Kusleika is the new Senior Assistant in the Technical Department; Kathy Lowey is now Senior Assistant in Circulation.
- Genealogy Program will be presented this Saturday at 10:30
- Spinney Series presents Chris Bohjalian speaking on October 10. There will be a small reception. Chris has written 20 novels and he is getting a lot of publicity for his latest novel.
- For a common theme, Harry Potter Trivia Night, Magic show, program about Crystals, Ghosts & Legends and Tales Best Told in the Dark are scheduled.

Report from Children's Librarian: Margi Rossetti

- Summer Reading Program titled "A Universe of Stories" was a great success! Most programs were very well attended, especially the Teddy Bear Picnic and the "Aliens: Escape from Earth" with Science Tellers. There were 12 library events, 28 programs in total. 542 kids attended which is a record number.
- At Teddy Bear Picnic, Friends gave out 65 books. Margi asked what we want to do with left over books. Most can go to the Discretionary Fund. Maybe 1 of each title can be bundled with a Teddy Bear for a raffle at the Book Sale

Trustee Report: Collin Ernst

- Spinney Series is the big focus
- Trustees have not met yet with the summer off so not a lot to report
- Trustees appreciate all that the Friends contribute to the library

Old Business

- **Founders Day :Sue**
 - Raffle for the dollhouse attracted attention for our booth. Deb Stone was the winner!
 - 50/50 Raffle was okay. Proceeds from both raffles went toward Teddy Bear Picnic books
 - Sara and husband, Morgan, volunteered to help set up which went smoothly, plus Elaine Biggieri helped
- **Teddy Bear Picnic: Sue**

Jen, Barbara & Bernadette volunteered. Very enjoyable event! Even though the program was postponed due to rain, attendance was very good as always.
Distributed the teddy bear themed books that Margi purchased.
- **Purchases: Janice**
 - *New **vacuum** was purchased for the Book Sale. It has to be assembled. Fan for sorting room is great!
 - *Beautiful **bouquets** that we purchased were given to retirees Kathy Broadway & Donna Seermon. The reception was nicely done.
 - * **Pencils** are great! Thank you Jen!

* **Discussion** to purchase shopping bags with our logo because grocers are not providing bags any more. Plus Margi said on a rainy day we could provide bags to protect the books. Jen will look into it.

New Business:

- For **Trivia Night on September 13**, we voted to pay up to \$500 for prizes but the actual cost will be \$250 for the presenter plus \$40 for stickers and prizes for costume contest. An Unlikely Story is donating gift cards for the trivia contest prizes Event is Friday at 6:30 pm, volunteers needed to setup and judging costumes
- **Nominating Committee: Janice** asked for a volunteer. At Large positions are 1 year terms so we need to have elections. Dave said he would take care of it.
- **By-Law Review: Janice** said we should have a fresh set of eyes look at By-Laws. There will be a couple of small changes that should be ready for January meeting. **Jen, Charles and Sara** volunteered to help

Action Items:

- **Colleen** will call high school volunteers to help at Book Sale
- **Janice** will request the 2 meeting rooms for 12-1 pm for early setup for Book Sale
- **Lesleyann** will check wording for Fall Book Sale
- **Jen** will look into shopping bags with our logo
- Let **Janice** know if you can volunteer to help setup for Trivia Night & judge costumes
- **Jen, Charles and Sara** will review By-Laws and report back to the Board by January
- **Manny and Margi's** articles for Newsletter are due October 1. Dave would be appreciate if anyone else has an article to contribute
- **Dave** prepare a Nomination Slate for At-Large Members plus prepare Newsletter

Adjourn: Dave made a motion to adjourn; second by Colleen. Motion passed.

Next meeting – October 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins