

**Friends of Boyden Library**  
**Minutes of January Meeting**  
**January 8, 2020**

**Present:** Janice Rosado, David Crimmins, Bernadette Thie, Sue Collins, Lesleyann Foster, Charles DiPompo, Jennifer Linskey, Bob Boynton, Sara Halton, Colleen McManus, Library Director Manny Leite, Children's Librarian Margi Rossetti and Trustee Deb Stone.

Manny wrote a Thank you note for the poinsettias we bought to decorate the library. Janice wished everyone the best in the new year

**Janice Rosado** called the meeting to order.

**Minutes of November 6, 2019** were presented by **Sue Collins**. Bob made a motion to accept the Minutes; second by Jen. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report: Bernadette Thie** presented the Monthly Treasurer's Report for **November & December:**

- did well in November with a very successful book sale
- received 17 memberships during the Book Sale
- Stop & Shop gave us a donation as their monthly donation to a non-profit agency
- Adam had another very successful quarter for us
- Presented totals for years 2018 & 2019 to help determine budget for 2020
- Dave made a motion to accept Treasurers report; second by Charles. Motion passed

**Membership: Sara Halton:** \$495 received, mostly Seniors. Hopefully we will receive many more next month

**Newsletter: Dave Crimmins**

- thanked Jen and Sara for editing, adding clip art and labels!
- Jen and Sara together sent NL out to Constant Contact
- sent out electronically plus a hard copy with an envelope included for memberships
- If someone you know makes a big donation tell Dave so we can recognize them in Newsletter
- should advertise any new features at the library, such as telescope and Hot Spots
- Hot Spots are in demand and library has a waiting list. Dave made a motion that Bernadette include 3 Hot Spots in the budget for a maximum of \$550. Second by Colleen. Motion passed. Manny will include a note on the Hot Spot package that the Friends are paying for it.

**Nominating Committee: Dave Crimmins**

- contacted all the Board members
- Executive Board members have a 2-year term so they are not eligible to run this year
- Jen and Lesleyann talked to some people about joining us. Margi also mentioned someone.
- Barbara Massey is moving so she will not run
- Dave will present the final Slate next month
- Proposal to revise By-Laws to increase Board size from 13-15 members
- Annual Meeting was publicized which is a requirement

**Book Sale: Lesleyann Foster**

- sale had a slow start but we ended up well
- Crafts, gardening, biographies and cookbooks did not sell until bag sale. Janice will notify book sorters to only accept the best ones
- Bundles did sell well, should bundle more children's books
- Teachers' vouchers did not bring in many but it is a good will gesture. Lesleyann will put a Newsletter in Teachers' Staff Rooms
- Lesleyann thanked Colleen for the great volunteers!
- Bob said he would paint arrow black on sandwich board to be more visible at the Commons

**Giving Tree: Colleen McManus**

- very successful! Tags went very quickly!
- Some people wrapped the gifts so we have to notify the patrons not to do this
- Thanks to Dave, Jen and staff who helped transport gifts to Lisa's house

**Report from Library Director: Manny Leite**

- it's been a hectic 2 months because Christina left. Manny has been interviewing people for this position. Pam Riccio will start Monday as Department Administrator.
- Budget season and end of the year is a busy time. Manny met with people at Town Hall administration about the budget
- Janice mentioned that we know the library has wanted a Young Adult Librarian for several years, asked what Friends could do to support this effort. Manny suggested writing a letter to the Foxboro Reporter. Charles mentioned that a teenager is such a precarious position so getting involved with the library could make a difference in their lives! YA Librarian selects books; could reach out to the schools; sponsor clubs like knitting, photography, magic, etc. Manny has been looking for Grants but that would not pay for a full-time position.

**Report from Children's Librarian: Margi Rossetti**

- collected 127 books for the Discretionary Fund
- One program had to be rescheduled due to bad weather
- Art with Helena and Mrs. Dow's Art Cart are always popular
- The Pumpnickel Puppets was terrific!
- Boston Bruins PJ drive will be starting up and will run Feb. 1-March 15
- Margi is starting to think about the summer reading program. Some of the art work was recalled so we may have to produce our own materials.

**Trustee Report: Deb Stone** discussed the Trustees have been working on the budget. Colin, Deb and Manny will meet with the Advisory Committee soon. Trustees feel strongly that the Young Adult Librarian should be included in the Library Budget. They would appreciate the Friends' support. Sue will attend the next Trustee meeting.

### **Massachusetts Friends of Libraries: Sue Collins**

- MFL is looking for new Board members
- Meet 4-5 times a year, plan a spring & fall conference, select Donna Forand Fantastic Friend Award winner
- Invitation to March 24 meeting at 10 am in Franklin.
- If anyone is interested, let Sue know

### **Old Business:**

- **Senior Tax Program: Manny** hopeful we can find someone
- **SAILS Legislative Breakfast: Manny** will be the main speaker which will be held January 17 from 8-9 am at the Seekonk Library. This event connects and informs Legislators how the libraries' services and programs impact their constituents.

### **New Business:**

- **By-Laws review: Jen Linskey** reported that most of the errors were small. We will vote on it next month at our Annual Meeting. Bernadette will look up our legal name.

### **Action Items:**

- **Lesleyann** will email Janice on which books did not sell well at the Book Sale. Janice will email sorters so that they will only keep the best books in these categories
- **Bernadette** will look up the Friends legal name to coincide with our By-Laws
- **Jen** will email the final By-Laws to the Board before Annual Meeting
- **Janice** will look into writing a letter to the Foxboro Reporter to show that the Friends support the library's effort to include a full time Young Adult Librarian in the budget
- **Senior Tax Program: Manny & Janice** will interview a new candidate on Thursday

**Adjourn:** Bob made a motion to adjourn; second by Lesleyann. Motion passed.

**Next meeting – February 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Friends Community Meeting Room**

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins