

**Friends of Boyden Library**  
**Minutes of March Meeting**  
**March 3, 2021**

**Virtually Present:** Janice Rosado, David Crimmins, Bernadette Thie, Sue Collins, Sara Halton, Colleen McManus, Lesleyann Foster, Jen Linskey, Jen Ooi, Margi Rossetti, Charles DiPompo, Library Director Manny Leite, Senior Youth Services Librarian Jessica Henderson

**Janice Rosado** called the meeting to order. Janice sent a card and gift card to Ann Ross & Diane Monahan to recognize them for their years of service.

**Minutes of February 3, 2021:** **Sue Collins** presented the Minutes. Dave made a motion to accept the Minutes; second by Charles. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report: Bernadette Thie** presented the Monthly Treasurer's Reports for February:

- quiet month, income larger than expenses
- membership income is good, Adam submitted his check
- paid Children's programs for February
- Money from closed TD Bank Affinity Program listed as Asset transfer

Janice made a motion to accept the Report; second by Jen L. Motion passed unanimously

**Newsletter: Dave Crimmins**

- Newsletter will go out in May. Articles will be due at end of April, will be all electronic
- Information on May Book Sale will be included

**Membership: Sara Halton:**

- good month, 38 new memberships 133 members total
- \$6,565 total income, much better than last year

**Book Sale/Book Donation: Lesleyann Foster**

- Thanks to 5 people worked: Lesleyann, Margi, Dave, Bob, Charles
- collected books, good table space, it was manageable
- 3 additional patrons showed up without prior reservations
- disposed of moldy, flecked (2 bags), some old books went to MTW
- on the whole, great books and good selection
- Lesleyann prescreened the donors, told them what we wanted
- Presently Lesleyann has a list of 12 people, Bernadette has 6, plus 2 emails from people who want to donate; maybe just contact these people for 3/13; no need to advertise, expect large donations
- have boxes to sort in sorting room, Margi, Sue, Jen O. & Bernadette volunteered to sort at different times
- maybe purchase another table for next time
- will ask Trustees to approve the future Saturday dates
- make sure no patrons enter the library early

### **Report from Library Director: Manny Leite**

- Advisory Committee approved Library budget, next year we want to request a Young Adult Librarian position
- Glad the book collection went well; spoke to Saturday staff, there were no issues
- Since the collection went well, will recommend book collections continue at Trustee meeting with Janice attending. Trustees cannot vote by email
- Deb Stone will not be running again as a Trustee, Collin did pull papers for reelection
- Library is running well. Usually have 20% capacity. More libraries are opening up
- When more people get the vaccine and numbers are better, hopefully we can fully open with programs
- Would like to add more hours
- Painters are repainting, can't wait for Community Room to be repainted and be ready for programs

### **Report from Senior Youth Services Librarian: Jessica Henderson**

- having fun with school visits; pushing library card drive
- parents can check materials out on Overdrive
- kids are coming in, Jessica wants them to read a greater variety of books
- Lesleyann compiling a Diverse Book List with all elementary schools, using school library and SAILS books
- February vacation was busy; all programs were full, Crafts to Go are popular and attract kids to library
- Kacee made up a great STEAM challenge
- Chocolate 101 was geared for middle school with various activities
- Magic presentation with activities was fun
- Reading to 2 kindergarten classes
- April vacation projects are in the works
- Starting to look at summer activities. Hoping to have performers outside, want to work with various Foxboro organizations
- Looking at bands that can perform, Teddy Bear Picnic will be included
- We all think activities on the Common will be popular, hopefully public gatherings will be safe
- Jessica asked what local spots are popular. Answers included: Booth Playground, Foxboro Parks & Recreation Pool/ Chapel Meeting House, Community Center on 68 Mill St., Cranberry Bog at Bass Pro Shop, Lane Property on North St, F. Gilbert State Forest, Ward's Barry Farm, Normandy Farm, the Y, Lawton Farm, Moose Hill in Sharon
- Email Jessica if you have a contact or are familiar with kid friendly activities in the area
- Needs help with marketing, hopefully Jen Linskey can help

### **Trustee Report: Joyce Parlapiano**

- unable to attend

### **Old Business:**

#### **• Canva Update: Jen Linskey**

Kathy Bell Harney & Jen Linskey are the 2 managers. Thanks to Janice who spoke to Bill Keegan and explained the Town needs their own account

Lesleyann has a team of Karen & Kacee for library staff. Pam needs to open an account

- More Than Words are picking up books again. Janice will schedule once a month pickups

**New Business:**

- **Friends 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Janice Rosado**

Friends were incorporated in April 1961; December 1961 was the 1<sup>st</sup> book sale

In the summer, maybe give out coupons, with kids' event(s)

At Fall Book Sale, ask patrons what is your favorite book, favorite children's books. Perhaps buy some of those books and have a raffle

If we buy more book bags, investigate cost of having a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo

Look into the most popular books of 1961, music, important people, world events, etc.

Maybe have activities in the summer and Fall Book Sale featuring the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Suggested we could have a free membership raffle as a way to recruit new members

**Action Items: Sue Collins**

- none

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

**Next meeting: April 7, 2021**

**Meeting at 7:00 pm via Zoom**

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins