

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of May 6, 2015

Present: David Crimmins, Sue Collins, Laurie Magee, Ann Ross, Jen Ooi, Diane Piper, Barbara Massey, Julie Law-Linck, Liz Karvonen, Diane Monahan, Lesleyann Foster, Children's Supervisor Margi Rossetti.

Guests: Deanna Graf, Susan Patton

Meeting called to order by Dave.

Minutes of April 1, 2015 were presented by **Sue C.** Laurie made a motion to accept Minutes; second by Barbara. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – **Dave** presented the Treasurer's Monthly Report for **Bernadette**. It included April and the Year-to-Date Budget. Diane M. made a motion to accept the Report; second by Ann. Motion passed.

Foxborough Kids Read-Laurie reported the program was a great success. However, the attendance at some of the activities was disappointing, 223 people in total. The attendees thoroughly enjoyed themselves and made enthusiastic comments to the Friends' volunteers. There was discussion of how things could be different next time. Perhaps there should be fewer activities, and not multiple sessions. The most popular activity should be first, to get the word out. We should reach out to the schools and the school libraries. Regarding a future Adult Program, Dave and Margi will talk with Jerry about who would coordinate an Adult Program next year. Dave will talk to Jim McGowan from Partners in Patriotism Fund about a publicity photo that will be included in their next Townwide newsletter.

Trustee Report – **Sue B.** was not able to attend.

Report from Children's Librarian - Margi Rossetti stated one of Pam Atanasoff's programs is always popular. Pam expressed interest in showing foreign films. Apparently we have a good collection of foreign films that were donated to the library. Other libraries do show foreign films once a month. Margi will look into asking Pam if she is interested in looking into the legalities of showing the films. The theme for the Summer Reading Program is "Every Hero has a Story". If you have an idea for this program, let Margi know. The paper making activity will be held during one day of the Book Sale.

Founders Day – Sue C. will chair the event. Dave and Susan Patton volunteered to help. Dave will provide the canopy for the event. Dave will pick up the tables from the library. Sue will take the leftover Children's Books from the Book Sale. We will also give out lollipops. It is always a great day and our presence will provide good PR for the Friends.

Book Sale Update – **Diane P.** looked over the schedule of volunteers and passed around the signup sheet for more volunteers to fill in the gaps. There was discussion that a school fundraiser may take the leftover books instead of Big Hearted Books. Jen put some posters around town. She will also send an attachment of the poster to all Board members so we can print and distribute it.

Book Club Proposal – Barbara will make sure there will be an article in the next Newsletter asking if there is interest to start a group. We will wait to see if there is a good response.

Membership Recap – Laurie reported that we have 119 memberships with a total of \$5,294 in donations. This is down from 167 last year; however the donations continue to be generous. Liz stated that several years ago there was a committee that came up with ideas to increase memberships. We should review these ideas before the big kick off in late fall. We should promote “donate to the Friends” instead of “Join the Friends”. Diane M. will look into the cost of printing up canvas library bags and selling them at our various events.

Old Business:

Books at the Food Pantry – Ann stated that the books are popular. She will continue to take labeled adult and children’s books to the Food Pantry.

New Business –

- 1, Diane P.** wanted to discuss investigating if we have any valuable books that are being donated. We would appreciate if anyone would come forward to research books on Abe.com or any other website and see if we can make some money this way. Diane conceded this would be labor intensive.
- 2.** There was discussion if we could have little business cards made up saying “Donate to Friends of Boyden Library” with our PayPal information. These cards could be distributed throughout the library.
- 3.** Diane M. pointed out that Jerry’s Report in the Annual Report included the Friends and their activities.

Adjourn–Laurie made a motion to adjourn; second by Diane P. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2015 in the Community Meeting Room, Boyden Library at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Susan Collins