

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of September 5, 2018

Present: Dave Crimmins, Janice Rosado, Bernadette Thie, Ann Ross, Charles DiPompo, Barbara Massey, Lesleyann Foster, Colleen McManus, Sara Halton, Director Manny Leite, Children's Librarian Margi Rossetti, Trustee Christine Freeman

Meeting called to order by President Crimmins

Minutes of June 6, 2018 were presented by **Dave** on Sue's behalf. Barbara made a motion to accept the Minutes; second by Bernadette. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report/Membership – Bernadette presented the Monthly Treasurer's Report for August and Year-to-Date. Book Shop continues to do well, income for July and August was higher than what we typically take in. Six more memberships were received along with two matching donations. We also had a donation of \$100. More tote bags were ordered in June, this time in blue. We paid for Adult and Children's programming. Janice made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; second by Charles. Motion passed.

Bartholomew Investments – Dave provided a recap of the meeting the Executive Committee had with Brian Jamros in August. Bartholomew Investments is the company the Town of Foxborough uses. Also, the Trustees recently invested the Beyond Books money with Bartholomew. The Friends had two CDs maturing so we felt it was a good time to investigate other investment options. The Executive Committee recommends investing \$45K; money from the two CDs and excess in the checking account. After a lively discussion, a motion was made by Dave to invite Bartholomew back to discuss next steps with the Executive Committee. Colleen seconded; motion passed. Dave asked everyone to please submit any questions regarding this venture to him by Friday September 21st. He will then forward them to Bartholomew in advance of the next meeting. The Executive Committee will present the findings to the Board for a vote before any commitment is made.

Wizard of Oz program – Dave stated that we were asked to support this program that is part of this fall's Spinney Speaker Series. The program will be held at the Marilyn Rodman Center of Performing Arts on September 15th. Admission will be free. The Wizard of Oz movie will be shown with the Inspiration Performance Troupe singing along. Dave made a motion to fund the Wizard of Oz with a \$500 donation to the Inspiration Performance Troupe and \$250 donation to the Rodman Center; second by Janice. Motion passed.

SWAG Discussion – tabled

Report from Library Director – Manny provided a summary of the Spinney Speaker Series which started tonight. The theme this year is folklore and fairy tales. There will be a number of events including the Wizard of Oz Sing A Long on the 15th and Pretty As A Princess program on the 22nd. The premiere event will be on September 26th at the Rodman Center - an evening with Gregory Maguire. Tickets are free and available at the circulation desk.

Book Shelf at Town Hall – Manny said the Friends could take over stocking the book shelf. Ann agreed to take this on. Manny will notify the Town Hall and Christina.

Report from Children's Librarian – Margi provided a recap of this summer's very successful reading program. The participation this year was the highest in recent years with the weekly participation being almost twice as many as last year. Margi attributed the high attendance to the great flyer which was distributed at all the schools, more programs including three for older children and weekly raffles. While she has some money left in her programming budget, she requested an additional \$500 to cover through the end of the year, including another program for older children. Janice made a motion to provide Margi with up to \$500 for programs through December; second by Charles. Motion passed. Margi also requested a letter from the Friends in support of a grant she is applying for to fund Magical Journeys into My Feelings, a program for 2-5 year olds to promote emotional development. Dave will prepare the letter with guidance from Margi.

Trustee Report – Christine Freeman said the focus right now is on the Spinney Speaker Series as outlined by Manny.

Old Business:

- 1. Teddy Bear Picnic – Bernadette** said it was a beautiful day for this well attended event. The Friends did sell \$20 worth of books and dollar off coupons for the Book Shop were provided to those who made purchases.
- 2. Founders Day – Dave** said it went well. We made just over \$300 with \$11 in donations, \$10.50 book sales; \$20 tote bags and \$259 raffle tickets.
- 3. Farmer's Market – Dave** said that due to the small turnout we decided not to pursue having a booth this year. We can revisit next year.
- 4. Book Club – Janice** said the June meeting facilitated by Chris Cormier Hayes was a great success. We had 20 attendees including quite a number of new faces. She thanked the Friends for funding this event.

New Business:

- 1. Ann Herman** is retiring this month. Dave made a motion for the Board to approve a \$50 gift card from the Friends on the occasion of her retirement; second by Lesleyann. Motion passed.
- 2. Lesleyann** mentioned that she was unable to book the rooms for the Wednesday night prior to the November book sale for setup. She will look into whether, as a library function, we can have precedence when scheduling in the future.

Action Items:

- 1. All** to send questions to Dave regarding Bartholomew Investments by September 21st.
- 2. Dave** to contact Bartholomew to set up a second meeting.
- 3. Ann** to stock the Friends bookcase at the Town Hall.
- 4. Dave** to provide letter of support to children's program grant; Margi to provide required information.
- 5. Dave** to purchase gift card for Ann Herman.
- 6. Lesleyann** to check with Manny on Friends having precedence when booking meeting rooms.

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

Next Meeting – October 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Janice Rosado