

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of March Meeting
March 4, 2020

Present: Janice Rosado, David Crimmins, Bernadette Thie, Sue Collins, Charles DiPompo, Sara Halton, Jennifer Linskey, Bob Boynton, Jen Ooi, Elaine Biggieri, Library Director Manny Leite, Children's Librarian Margi Rossetti and Trustee Collin Earnst.

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order.

Bernadette gave us a Thank You note for the Edible Arrangement and kind words we sent to her family.

Minutes of February 5, 2020 were presented by **Sue Collins**. Dave made a motion to accept the Minutes; second by Jen L. Motion passed.

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

- **Bernadette** passed out the new bookmarks that Friends paid for
- **Income** was good with Adam's check and Book Shop proceeds, also sold 7 grocery bags
- **\$378/year for 1 Hot Spot** so we ordered one

Bob made a motion to accept, second by Janice. Motion passed.

Membership: Sara Halton reported:

- 22 members paid their dues in February, bringing the total number of members who paid in 2020 to 100. Those numbers are similar to last year at this time. \$1165 total money received
- Discussion on how to reach more people to join. Sara will send out a message via Eblast to remind people to renew memberships or be a new member

Newsletter: Dave Crimmins

- Newsletter will go out late April. Articles due March 31
- Dave wants to include a picture of the Board. Will do that next month
- Janice considering putting in an article for the Book Club
- Janice wrote an article supporting the YA Librarian. Will include that in NL

Book Sale: Leslyann Foster

- Not able to come but will send email to Board shortly
- Book Sale May 14,15, & 16

Report from Library Director: Manny Leite

- Trustees and Manny went before the **Advisory Committee** who were thorough and had good questions
- Appreciates our support and the letters of support from several different sources. Manny is sending letters along to the Advisory Committee
- Jen is going to look into the cost to boost messages on Facebook

Report from Children's Librarian: Margi Rossetti

- February was busy
- Drop-in to make a Valentine was popular
- 88 pajamas donated to Bruins P.J. Drive. We did so well we won a signed Jersey and hockey puck! They will be prizes for Summer Reading program
- Full attendance to chocolate making program!!
- Preparing for Summer Program, will include everything from a toddler program to Yoga for young adults
- Teddy Bear Picnic scheduled for July 16 (rain date on July 23)
- Halloween in August is scheduled and will be sponsored by Friends

Trustee Report: Collin Earnst

- Appreciates all the support we have for Young Adult Librarian
- Working on speaker for Spinney Series

Old Business:

- **Reward old Friends** with a celebration at a restaurant or catered affair. Next year, April 2021 will mark 60th anniversary of Friends!

New Business:

- **MA Friends of Libraries: Bernadette** reported that MFOL wants us to contact their legislators and urge them to support money for public libraries. She will email Board the information.
- **Raffle Discussion for Founders Day: Bernadette** started discussion. Jen L was thinking of a **basket** of wine and spirits, cheese, crackers plus cookbooks relating to wines. Should have a children's basket - theme could be Legos including gift card for Bricks & Minifigs and books.
- **Director Emeritus: Janice** suggested creating a Director Emeritus position for people who have been Board members and officers for a long time but due to ill health or family issues may not be able to come to meetings. We should still include them in emails and events. This item needs to be reviewed in the fall for potential change to By-Laws in February.

Action Items: Sue

1. **Jen L** look into **Facebook "Boost"** feature
2. **Jen L** will look into procuring **wine** for Founders Day basket.

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

Next meeting – April 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Friends Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins