

Friends of Boyden Library Minutes of February 6, 2013

Present: Diane Monahan, Neda Joury-Penders, Dave Crimmins, Sue Collins, Bobbe Leonardi, Betty Travers, Laurie Magee, Howard Siegal, Ann Ross, Trustee Janet Pineault and Children's Supervisor Margi Rossetti.

Meeting called to order by Diane. She then invited all Board members to attend a Regional Friends of libraries meeting in Walpole on March 9, 2013. She mentioned that the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation gave the Friends a \$1,500 donation to be used for the summer reading program for children. We need to thank them. Dave will see if they would like a "photo op" to appear in the Foxboro Reporter.

Minutes of January 2, 2013 were presented. Betty made a motion to accept Minutes; second by **Bobbe**. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report –Dave presented his Treasurer's Report for the month of January. He noted that the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation donation of \$1,500. was included in this month's income along with \$325 in monies donated in memory of Peg Bradner, plus 3 memberships. Because of these donations we are "staying afloat". Sue made a motion to accept the Report; second by Neda. Motion passed.

Staff Report– Jerry Cirillo was not available at the beginning of the meeting because he had to attend a previously scheduled meeting, so Margi gave his report. (Jerry joined the meeting later) This month children can stop at the arts and craft table and make valentines. Margi noted the generous donation of the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation for the summer program. Construction is coming along on schedule. The staff is looking into new technologies such as QR (quick read) codes that can be read by cell phone apps. Tim Golden is investigating how this can help the public in the library. I Pads can be loaded with "new comer" information with further links to town information or to provide links for students to help with school work. She also mentioned that Jerry Cirillo was talking with the Friends Executive Board about the Grand Opening parties for the major donors and then the general public. No dates have been set but the Library is hoping the Friends will help out with tours and other events.

Trustee Report – Janet Pineault reported that she has enjoyed going to many meetings picking out colors and materials. She understands that there are differences in opinion but all who have been involved have quickly come to a consensus and worked well together. Construction meetings are every Wednesday. The new library will be ready in the spring and open to the public. However, a punch list may have to be completed. The library will

have a lot of light and the 3rd floor will be breathtaking! The first coats of paint are going on and the colors are beautiful. She mentioned that the Trustees are planning a town-wide grand re-opening for some time in the summer or early fall depending on the completion of the project. She went on to say that the Friends would be informed of the date as soon as they have made their decision.

Newsletter – Liz was not available so Dave gave the report. The Newsletter has gone out electronically. Kathy Bell-Harney has it posted on the web page. Dave said that it was at the printers and will be mailed out by the weekend. He stated that a copy is being sent out to each member by US mail so that they will have a Membership Form and an envelope in which to return their 2013 dues. Subsequent newsletter this year will be sent out electronically to those who had requested them by e-mail.

Dave said that we may only have 3 issues this year. **Neda** said that maybe we will have a special edition for the Grand Opening with a schedule of events. She also suggested a scavenger hunt so that everyone can explore all the facets of the library. Everyone thought this was a terrific idea.

Membership – Laurie said that we currently have 320 members. 100 are life members that haven't donated since they signed up for Life Membership. There was discussion that a letter should be sent to the "Lifers" that we need their continued support. Dave will do a draft and send it to the Executive Committee for review and approval. **Neda** further suggested we have a sub-committee, a "Friends Committee" that would: 1. Encourage people to be more active in Friends; 2. Join an adult program sub-committee; 3. Join a children's program sub-committee; 4. These sub-committees could play a "feeder role" for the Board. Diane suggested we send the newsletter out to government officials. Howard will bring the newsletter to his Advisory Committee meeting.

New Business –

- 1. Friends Rental Books** – Dave suggested that we need to revamp the insert label to give more information about the Friends. Dave will send it out to the Board.
- 2. Kindles** – Howard asked if the Friends are given credit for buying e-books on the Nooks and Kindles. Margi and Jerry confirmed that the Friends are and that the Friends could change the form and make it similar to the book rental form.

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

Next Meeting: March 6, 2013, Council on Aging (rear entrance), 75 Central Street at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Susan Collins

