

**Friends of Boyden Library**  
**Minutes of May 2, 2012 Meeting**

Present: Diane Monahan, Dave Crimmins, Sue Collins, Ann Ross, Bobbe Leonardi, Joanne Pratt, Laurie Magee, Betty Travers, Liz Karvonen, Kathy Brady, Linda Fidgeon, Trustee Kevin Penders, Children's Supervisor Margi Rossetti.

**Meeting called to order-Diane Monahan** welcomed everyone.

**Minutes –Sue Collins** presented the **Minutes of March 7, 2012.**

Margi had noted some corrections earlier. Dave made a motion to accept Minutes as amended; second by Liz K. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report –Dave Crimmins** spoke about our budget from April 1-30, 2012. Margi suggested a small change. Dave stated that he has filled out a Report to the **IRS** and he is cautiously optimistic that it will be approved.

**Frank Spillane** was very helpful with this process. Sue C. made a motion to accept the amended budget; second by Bobbe L. Motion passed.

**Staff Report– Children's Supervisor Margi** made the report because **Director Jerry Cirillo** was unavailable. Jerry purchased a **Kindle, a Kindle Fire and 2 Book Nooks. E-Books** will be purchased. **Catalogue Policies** for circulation will be forthcoming. One Nook will be available for children to check out. One Book Nook will be kept in the Children's Library. The color makes Picture Books come alive and AP games will also be available. All this will be ready to go in middle to late May. The devices will be in a bag with a charger and can go out for 3 weeks.

Re. the **building project-** concrete is being poured for pilings and front steps. Foundation is being waterproofed. Steel studs are being erected for room divisions and it is exciting to see the rooms being formed .

**In the Children's Department, Otto, the therapy dog,** was a hit with good attendance during April vacation. The owner spoke about all the training that is involved with a therapy dog. **"Poem in Your Pocket"** was very successful during National Poetry Month.

**Trustee Report- Kevin Penders** reported that **construction is ahead of schedule.**

The warm, mild winter enabled progress of the project. **Easement issues** are being worked out with the Universalist Church for work access. Recent downpours of rain showed our drainage problems to the construction workers. The **Advisory**

**Committee and the Selectmen moved on Warrant Articles for Town Meeting.**

There had been **discussion that surplus money** from our project could be given back to the town to lower taxes or to be spent to offset indebtedness. Kevin was happy to report that the Advisory Committee agreed that there will be **no changes** to

the construction budget. The Advisory Committee is advising any surplus money will offset indebtedness for the library. **Contracts for Library Personnel** have been successfully concluded. **Fran Spillane** continues to blog the library's construction progress at **boydenlibrary.blogspot.com**.

**Newsletter- Liz Karvonen** reported that she has enough articles for the June Newsletter. **May 18 is the deadline** for the June issue. Discussion ensued that people did not check the box to indicate they want to get the Newsletter electronically. This would save us a lot of money for postage. **Laurie** said she would get back to the people who gave us their email address but did not check the box to receive electronic Newsletters.

**Membership- Laurie Magee** reported we have **46 new memberships**. These are most probably from the mass mailing that was sent out. Dave said that he also put hard copies at the Senior Center and Town Hall. Dave also gave Linda F. copies to give to new home buyers. Our memberships have increased: 2008-\$2,400; 2009-\$1,320; 2010-\$485; 2011-\$3,764; so far in 2012-\$4,662. We have almost doubled our dues from 2008 and almost 10 times the amount in 2010!

**Margi R.** stated that one town sends out **library membership forms with a town bill**.

**Old Business – Election Day-** A sign up was sent around the table. There will be someone at our table all day. We will have special membership forms that **Neda** composed, directions to the temporary location, newsletters, and sign up for emails, donation box, balloons and perhaps bookmarks. **Kevin P.** will try to get **pictures** of the new library and a **card table**. **Diane M.** will provide the **donation box**. **Dave** will print up the **directions and membership papers** and the **balloons**.

**Founders Day (June 9)**–**Liz** stated that we have been signed up for a booth on the **field**.

**New Business- Sue C.** saw an article in the paper where a realty company donated some of their commission to the Friends of the Medway Library. **Corporate sponsors** have been discussed before. **Linda F.** suggested that perhaps in our next **Newsletter, companies could buy advertising space**.

**Adjourn**– Betty T. made a motion to adjourn; second by Joanne. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting-June 6, 2012, Council on Aging (rear entrance), 75 Central Street at 7:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Sue Collins

