

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of March Meeting
March 1, 2023

Present: Sue Collins, Bernadette Thie, Don Jenkins, Betsy Buckland, Sara Halton, Colleen McManus, Margi Rossetti, Lesleyann Foster, Charles DiPompo, Katherine Howard, Jen Linskey Senior Youth Services Librarian Emma Brelsford, Teen Librarian Jennifir Huston, Trustee Kevin Penders & Joyce Parlapiano

Virtually present: Janice Rosado

Betsy Buckland called the meeting to order. Introductions were made & a warm welcome to Emma Brelsford & Katherine Howard

Approval of February 1, 2023 Minutes: Sue Collins presented the Minutes
Jen made a motion to accept the Minutes; seconded by Margi. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sara Halton presented the Treasurer's Report

Income:

- Book Shop is doing well
- Memberships are coming in
- Received donation with a company match

Expenses:

- Lots of programs
- Waiting for Xbox System. Purchased all the equipment needed for it

Colleen made a motion to accept the Monthly Report, second by Katherine. Motion passed.

Report from Teen Librarian: Jennifir Huston

- Room is becoming amazing!
- Jeremy, volunteer, put a lot of the furniture together
- Maker-Space project is being created with teens involved
- Teen & tween volunteers are helping with various jobs
- Various programs are involving increasing numbers of teens
- *Call Me American* discussion
- Program with author Kelly Andrew, *Whispering Dark*, who is Deaf
- 4 class series on how to make a film
- Teen Advisory Board meeting
- Escape Room will be held for Teens, Teens & families & then for adults
- First Teen Newsletter coming up

Report from Senior Youth Services Librarian: Emma Brelsford

- Thanked us for Henry the Juggler that was a big success
- Planning April Vacation Programs Including Ultimate Passport
- Getting to know Community organizations
- Lesleyann was saying she should reach out to the elementary schools especially the librarians
- Starting to work on Summer Programming, Will use online Beanstack Summer Reading Program again.

- Starting to reach out to local businesses, such as Extreme Craze & Great White Shark for Summer Reading Programming
- Wants to have a Middle School Age books section in the Children's Department. Will work with Jennifer. Would like a Grand Opening for that spot
- Donation Match website. Executive Board will discuss it.
- Wants to work with the Southwick Zoo but heard the Friends do that already so we can give her discounted tickets for prizes
- Jen suggested reaching out to Patriot Place & Capron Park

Trustee Report: Joyce Parlapiano/Kevin Penders

- Joyce apologized for being a little late
- Joyce is running again, appreciates our support
- 2 seats open, Kevin Penders, Joyce Parlapiano & Janet Sargent-Tracy have taken out papers
- Appreciates the Friends' support for the library; it is amazing!
- Budget season, meeting Advisory Committee members tomorrow. No big budget items this time
- Need to appropriate money for books & maintenance
- Good news about the 3 Advisory Committee Liaisons nzmed, they should be supportive

Membership: Don Jenkins

- Thanked Sara for all her help
- 133 paid memberships = 162 individuals. Wants to keep track of individual memberships
- \$5,380 which matches previous years but we will get more memberships in March & April; 15 are brand new members!
- Don wants to promote memberships with raffles & other promos in the Newsletter
- We recognize anyone who donated \$50 or more for a donation
- Don enjoys Sunday Concerts & announces if Friends sponsor the program, Jen will send out an Email Blast

Newsletter: Bernadette Thie

- Thinking Newsletter should come out April 24, so deadline to submit articles should be April 1
- Book Drives & Book Sale articles will be included
- Pictures of new Executive Board & Emma were taken
- Promote gift cards & all 4 Book Shops
- Betsy will write an article about the new staff in the Youth Services Department
- Format has to change to Canva

Media/PR: Jen Linskey

- Would like to bundle Mothers' Day paperback, tea bag, bookmark & gift card
- Membership & \$8 gift card could be sold as a bundle of \$25
- Sell them at Book Sale just before Mother's Day
- Promote these ideas on our website for publicity
- Thinking of doing a Facebook promotional drawing for a Sweet & Honey gift card
- Jen will formalize this before next meeting & Book Sale

Book Shop: Margi Rossetti

- We received donation of about 100 fiction books
- Received about 40 mystery books, so we are doing well with fiction
- Adam took a big box of Manga books
- Needs to call More Than Words to come in March

Book Sale/Book Drives: Lesleyann Foster

- Book Drives will be: March 25 & April 29
- Sign-up Genius will go to students & another for Adult Sign Up
- Prepared publicity for Book Drives & Book Sale. Will send info to Kathy Bell-Harney for SAILS & Foxboro Reporter
- Will print 50 Bookmarks for Book Drive & 50 for Book Sale, may print on both sides
- Lawn Signs – Charles volunteered again & Dave will come to help
- Foxboro Reporter & Patch, Facebook, & other social media will be notified
- Betsy suggested Friends put an ad in Foxboro Music Association booklet re. the Book Sale

Old Business:

1. **Southwick Zoo Tickets:** Betsy wants to get tickets. Janice suggested she email them to get 100 tickets
2. **Friends Info Card:** Sara will work with Janice

New Business:

1. **Friends Survey:** Sara Halton sent it out, 40 responses. Majority wanted the event to stay at the library & have it in the Spring. Sunday or Thursday narrowly had more votes. There were a variety of comments. Janice suggested giving out our Friends Bag for swag. End of April would be a good time
2. **Strategic Planning Committee Representative:** Sue Collins explained the duties & timeline of the Committee. Libby needs 1 Friend to participate. Margi & Betsy volunteered. They could share responsibilities & share information with the Friends Board.

Action Items: Sue Collins

1. **Articles for Newsletter** should be submitted to Bernadette by **April 1**

Adjourn: Charles made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Margi . Motion passed.

Next meeting: April 5, 2023

Meeting at 7:00 pm in Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins