

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of April Meeting
April 3, 2024

Present: Janice Rosado Betsy Buckland, Sue Collins, Sara Halton, Bernadette Thie, Colleen McManus, Lesleyann Foster, Katherine Howard, Betsy Lorusso, Maureen Ryan-Wise, Teen Librarian Jennifir Huston, Trustee Joyce Parlapiano, Guest: Kelly Conger

Virtually Present: Margi Rossetti

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order. Karen Duggan sent the Friends a Thank You note for the flowers we sent.

Approval of March 6, 2024 Minutes: Sue Collins

Betsy made a motion to accept the Amended Minutes; seconded by Bernadette. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sara Halton

The Book Shop line includes the books from selling *The Violin Conspiracy* from which we only receive a small percentage. We still have to pay Unlikely Story for the books so the income looks higher than the actual will be. Memberships are doing well. Paid some program expenses.

Sue made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by Janice. Motion passed.

Director's Report/Teen Librarian/Youth Services Librarian: Jennifir Huston

- **Libby** is applying for a \$20,000 LSTA Grant for Makerspace, library wants more STEAM programs focused for all ages. Need laptops which cost about \$1,159.
- Janice made a motion to earmark \$1,500 for the purchase of 4 laptops on the condition that the library is awarded the Grant. There was a question regarding the specifications for the laptops (Windows upgradable and sufficient memory). The motion provided the Executive Board the authority to allot an additional \$500 to cover any specification driven increase in cost, second by Colleen. Motion passed.
Library will be purchasing additional materials for the Makerspace such as a Cricut machine, Glow Forge, coding programs, sewing machine and fabric. Thinking of setting it up in the Café, but with the ability to move equipment around on a wheeled cart. Katherine brought up the need for craft books which is a good idea.
- Libby wants to thank the Friends for sponsoring Murder Mystery Program and selling books at Community Reads author event. Very successful!
- The Human Library was not well attended for various reasons but it was special seeing community members connect & socialize. Appreciated Margi & Betsy who participated as Librarians.
- Friends sponsored workshops: BollyX Dance, Mixed Media Art, Gardening & Candle making.
- **Emma** purchased materials to make a Fairy Light Jar craft during Graphic Novel Book Club.
- Booking performers for activities sponsored by Friends, includes Miss Mehta Earth Day Art Class, Records & Burpee Traveling Zoo Show. Block booking with Wrentham Library for a discount for a Indoor Mini Golf.
- Summer Reading Program prizes are being collected including Gift Cards for Ally's Cookies & Ice Cream Beach Club.
- Katelyn assistant librarian left to be closer to home. Two new Pages.
- **Jennifir** also wanted to thank Friends for sponsoring Murder Mystery & Human Library.
- Jennifir has written Teen Guidelines for Staff in the Teen Room. A policy form with the rules has to be signed by teens. This will be done at the beginning of every school year.

- Thanked Friends for the Rope Bowl Program. Upcoming programs sponsored by Friends are: Fairy Book Gardens & Learn to Make Sushi with Juri Love.
- Starting to plan Summer Reading for Teens & reaching out for prizes.
- She will have Giveaways when visiting the Ahern Middle School, with High School & Charter School slated for the future.

Trustee Report: Joyce Parlapiano

- Thanked us for our participation in the Community Reads program. Trustees spoke about how to get the word out about the next Community Reads Program. Posting on Instagram, having more publicity in the Foxboro Reporter & involving the Council on Aging were some of the ideas.
- Trustees have a write-in candidate **Paul Ivanovskis** for the open Boyden Library Trustee position. Vote at Town Elections Monday, May 6th. Polls are open at Ahern Middle School from 7 am-8 pm.
- Ad Com voted 6-1 to accept the library's budget including increasing the Teen Librarian position to full time.
- Janice will attend Trustee's April 9th meeting, Katherine May 14, Sue June 11.

Membership: Colleen McManus

- Raffle winner is Taylor Ford.
- 8 memberships this month, 2 brand new members, total of 10 memberships paid.
- 156 total memberships paid for 2024.

Newsletter: Bernadette Thie

Thanks for all the articles. Waiting for 1 more PR slide. Newsletter should be going out next week.

Book Shop: Margi Rossetti

- Banner was remeasured. Janice will check with Paul at Farmer Signs so he knows we need it by May 1.
 - Discover Books closed with no notification. Thank goodness Colleen and Janice discovered this!
- Bay State Books in RI comes highly recommended. They work with a lot of Friends groups. Janice will sign the MOA that they will send her. Books, CDs & DVDs are welcomed. Cannot accept moldy books or video cassette tapes. We can get on a monthly pickup schedule, plus they will come again to pick up leftovers from Book Sale. Made their first pick up this week.
- Getting together a new raffle bag: includes *Tom Lake*, grocery bag, trivia book, Friends gift card, etc. If someone has a better book(s) to include, please add to the bag.

Book Sale: Lesleyann Foster

- April 13 is the next Book Drive date. April 27 is a backup date.
- Sign Up Genius was sent out to adults. Holding off on Student Sign Up Genius. Wants students more for Set Up on May 8th from 1-4 & 4-8 pm & Clean Up on May 11th.
- Lesleyann likes the QR Code signs. Sara will send her the file so she can print it out.
- Lawn Signs are kind of sad. Would like a new company to produce them.
- Lesleyann asked Margi to call for the book pickup after the sale.
- Asked Janice for a copy of the layout of the book sale.
- Set up May 8, Book Sale May 9, 10, 11.
- Betsy B. did sign up for an ad for Spring Book Sale in the FMA Pops Program.

Old Business: None

New Business

1. Chair for Teddy Bear Picnic on July 10th, 5-8 pm.

Janice asked for volunteers. **Sue & Mo** agreed. Will sell pre-school books. Sue wants to be prepared if people do not have cash; will use iPad and card reader.

2. Founders Day June 8 – Sue Collins

Sue agreed to be the Chair. Asked Sara for \$40 check made out to “Foxborough Founders Day” for space on the Booth Playground. Will reserve canopy from Library of Things. Janice will supply another canopy. We want to sell children’s books. Have lots of free lollipops & free temporary tattoos. Will invite Jennifir & Emma to bring yard games or whatever they think will attract people. Have to organize a free Drawing for people who make a purchase. Get QR Code sign & credit card swipe machine. Reserve lawn games.

3. Janice said we need someone to monitor our **Yahoo email account** to see and forward any questions.

Betsy Lorusso volunteered. Sara will give her the details.

Action Items: Sue Collins

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

Next meeting: May 1, 2024

Meeting at 7:00 pm in Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins