

**Friends of Boyden Library**  
**Minutes of April Meeting**  
**April 5, 2023**

**Present:** Janice Rosado, Sue Collins, Bernadette Thie, Betsy Buckland, Sara Halton, Colleen McManus, Margi Rossetti, Lesleyann Foster, Charles DiPompo, Katherine Howard, Director Elisabeth O'Neill, Youth Services Librarian Emma Brelsford, Teen Librarian Jennifir Huston, Trustee Collin Earnst  
Virtually present: Jen Linskey

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order.

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

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

**Income:**

- Good month for Bookshop
- Some Memberships, donation & tote bags

**Expenses:**

- X-Box has arrived!
- Purchase of Southwick Zoo passes

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

**Director's Report:** Libby O'Neill

- Community Reads Author Talk was a huge success!
- Thanked Friends for publicity materials
- Spring Floral Workshop is full, wait list, sponsored by Friends
- Zentangle will be coming
- Boyden Library Seed Library is popular
- Ann Clark Donation: A Virtual Cook Along May 10th, Travel Talk about Basque Region May 16th
- Ultimate Library Road Trip in April. Janice made a motion to donate up to \$100 for a prize to be determined by Libby for the Ultimate Road Trip, second by Betsy. Motion passed.

**Report from Teen Librarian:** Jennifir Huston

- Tomorrow will be first session for Escape Room, 3 sessions altogether, sponsored by Friends
- Filming Workshops by Peter Simmons, sponsored by Friends
- Walk the Bog & hike around the bog at Patriot Place. Purchased water bottle with logo
- Earth Day will have Recycling & other related activities
- Floral Program will be filmed by Foxboro Cable Access
- Teen Book Club, next week. Book is a Thriller
- Teen Advisory Board meeting coming up
- Ribbon Cutting for new & improved Teen Room, everyone invited on April 13!
- X-Box will be up & running. Gaming Policy is posted

- Discussion of a Human Library: borrow time to learn more from each other for 30 minutes. This program comes from Human Library Association from Copenhagen that will start in October. Library wants to contact differently abled people.
- Mother of one of our teen volunteers will be applying henna
- Art Classes will be held this summer

#### **Report from Senior Youth Services Librarian: Emma Brelsford**

- Busy organizing Summer Reading Program
- Prizes from Oriental Trading sponsored by Friends
- Booking performers: planning Teddy Bear Picnic - a band has been hired & ice cream truck
- Mike the Bubble Man program sponsored by Friends
- Wild World of Reptiles in July
- Story Time around Town i.e., Payson Road Recreation, Normandy Farm, etc.
- Tween section: adding a section to Children's Department. Will publicize the opening. Emma knows several authors & wants to invite authors in the fall specifically for Tweens.
- Reached out to school librarians; setting up dates to talk about Summer Reading Program & give out applications for library cards
- Donation Match will be sponsored by the library
- 501 C3 letter was requested by the Kraft Organization & we agreed to provide that

#### **Trustee Report: Collin Earnst**

- Introduced himself
- Thanked Friends for materials publicizing Author Talk
- He will check with Trustees to see if they would like to support carriage Founders Day. Janice will look into the horse & carriage we used last year
- Budget discussion with Advisory Committee went well
- Elections coming up, Kevin Penders & Joyce Parlapiano will be running again
- Janice asked for volunteers to go to Trustees meetings (April: Katherine; May: Janice; June: Betsy)

#### **Membership: Don Jenkins**

- 140 memberships received, but actually 178 individuals
- 20 new memberships/25 individuals!

#### **Newsletter: Bernadette Thie**

- All set with articles

#### **Media/PR: Jen Linskey**

- Will publicize April 29 Donation Day; Mother's Day Specials; Friends Social; and Book Sale as we get closer to these events.

#### **Book Shop: Margi Rossetti**

- Will make 20 bundles for Mother's Day with book, tea, gift card & bookmark!
- After Book Drive, we have 25 boxes of books, 7 crates - mostly Trade Fiction

- We have a lot of picture books but we need a lot more children's books. Sara will publicize books needed at the Moms Club. Margi will ask Jennifir to ask her teens to donate their old books
- Contact Adam to look at large Art book donation. After he is done, we could make bundles

### **Book Sale/Book Drives: Lesleyann Foster**

- March Book Drive was okay, good volunteers. Maybe publicity was inadequate
- Book Drive will be April 29, have enough volunteers
- Book Sale preparation is ahead of schedule. Bookmarks are printed, 2 sided
- Book Sale publicity will begin soon for May 11, 12 13. Set up for 5/10

### **Old Business:**

#### **1. Strategic Planning Committee Rep.: Margi**

Margi, with Betsy as backup, are the Friends' Representatives. All member slots are filled.

1st meeting: library orientation & fill out SOAR

May meeting: mission, vision & goals

June meeting: survey results, tentative goals & objectives

#### **2. Mothers' Day: Jen Linskey**

Trying to do something special for Mother's Day. Will offer discounted memberships, discounted gift cards and Bundles with book, tea, bookmark & Friends gift card. Whoever responds to the post on Facebook will be entered in a drawing; prize will be a gift card to Sweetness & Honey. The winner will be selected Friday and they can pick up prize on Saturday. Publicize on Facebook

#### **3. Friends Social: Janice Rosado**

First Social will be May 4, 1-3 pm at the library. Cupcakes, boxes of Joe & waters will be served. Will have canvas Book Bags, gift cards & grocery bags available. Might put bundles together. Hang posters & ask people to post some of their favorite recent titles. We will invite Friend members or patrons that want to be a Friend.

Another Social will be held in the Fall in the evening, October 19 from 7-8:30 pm. Want to ask Joyce to help with appetizers. She did a fabulous job at the reception for the Author Talk!

Station One is closed but open to groups on Monday & Tuesday, possibility for a meeting place/.

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Share Files with Group: Sara Halton**

We are sharing more files. Sara will procure the free Microsoft Office 365

#### **2. Founders Day June 10: Sue Collins**

Registration done tonight. Need a canopy! Discussion of purchasing a canopy for Friends & library use. We will be selling children's books. Will give away lollipops & temporary tattoos. Would love to invite Emma and/or Jennifir to come & talk to the kids & parents that come by. Last year copies of Summer Programs were popular! Asked volunteers: Charles, Kathleen, Betsy responded. Sara's husband Morgan can help set up canopy. Time: 11-4, can have 2-hour shifts. Betsy volunteered to create something so that we can create a drawing for those who come by.

#### **3. Zoo Passes for Southwick Zoo – maybe raffle off one at Founders Day. Betsy will give 2 to Emma for a prize for Summer Reading**

**Action Items: Sue Collins**

1. **Sara** will get Microsoft Office 365
2. **Janice** will get a quote for horse & carriage
3. Libby will be looking into purchasing a canopy for Friends & Library use.
4. Libby will look into purchasing an Audio & Video Owl that Library & Friends could share. Will ask Trustees if they can split the cost (approximately \$1000). Janice made a motion to provide up to \$600 for purchase of Owl, second by Colleen. Motion passed.

**Adjourn:** Bernadette made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Betsy. Motion passed.

**Next meeting: May 3, 2023**

**Meeting at 7:00 pm in Community Meeting Room**

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins