

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of May Meeting
May 3, 2023

Present: Janice Rosado, Sue Collins, Bernadette Thie, Betsy Buckland, Sara Halton, Don Jenkins, Colleen McManus, Margi Rossetti, Lesleyann Foster, Charles DiPompo, Katherine Howard, Jen Linskey, Director Libby O'Neill, Youth Services Librarian Emma Brelsford, Teen Librarian Jennifir Huston, Trustee Jen Ooi

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order.

Approval of April 5, 2023 Minutes: Sue Collins presented the Minutes
Betsy made a motion to accept the Minutes; seconded by Margi. Motion passed.

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

Income:

- Little income from Book Shop, a few memberships; a lot of Zoo passes & tote bags

Expenses:

- Summer programs, bought more tote bags & bought things for Friends Social, advertising for Founders Day

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

Director's Report: Libby O'Neill

- Sponsored Flower Program
- Busy summer for adults, Flip flop wreath, cactus program, candle making
- Janice made a motion for \$150 to go towards adult Bingo prizes, second by Katherine. Motion passed
- Working on Strategic Plan, Libby would like feedback.
- Fox in the Boro coming to the front door of library
- Boyden Library Seed Library popular
- Bought some things for the Library of Things, including a canopy, karaoke machine, etc.
- We bought a gift card from Unlikely Story for Library Road Trip

Report from Youth Services Librarian: Emma Brelsford

- Thanked us for funding the Wizard Program, included magic & science
- Also funded goodie bags for Summer Reading Program from I Read site
- Summer Reading Program, children can register June 26,
- School visits planned plus Emma & Jennifir will go to Ahern
- Tween Zone coming along – books being stacked
- Story Time Around Town – including Patriot Place, Farmers Market, Booth Camp, Normandy Farm, Lane Property
- Story Time now held in Community Room with 1–3-year-olds with Jeanne
- Teddy Bear Picnic is Thursday, July 20; have a rain date option on July 21. Would like an inside venue to keep the same date. Wants ice cream truck.

Report from Teen Librarian: Jennifer Huston

- Showed us The Owl for future meetings with Zoom
- Thanked us for the Flower Program that is extremely popular
- Libby is Jennifer's supervisor, not Emma as noted in the newsletter
- Teen Advisory Board tomorrow, now has a connection with Charter School
- Teen Book Club meeting, discussing *The Getaway*
- Managing Teen Stress, Grades 9-12, teaching them coping skills
- Escape Room was a success, will have separate Tween and Adult programs next time
- A Ventriloquist is coming, Kevin Driscoll for Teens & Adults
- *Black was the Ink*, is for the next Book Club
- Virtual Drag Queen program
- Art with mixed Media
- Crafty Teens working with stained glass cubes
- Hung plaque thanking Friends for the gaming system, Ribbon Cutting for Teen Room was great! Tim & Suzanne very helpful

Trustee Report: Jen Ooi

- Kevin Penders & Joyce Parlapiano were officially elected as Trustees
- Continuing looking at Gaming Policy
- Working on the 5 Year Strategic Plan with Libby & Committee
- Looking forward to Founders Day & hope Trustees will ride in the Parade
- Will work on Children's Room Policy

Membership: Don Jenkins

- 3 memberships received, but actually 7 individuals
- Will revise the envelop & Information Card
- Want to add new Friends, 2 new this month
- 152 memberships, 181 individuals

Newsletter: Bernadette Thie

- Newsletter done – everyone commented that it looked great!

Media/PR: Jen Linskey

- Friday we will post Mothers' Day special to Community Posts
- Will advertise Book Sale
- Will pick up cupcakes for Social

Book Shop: Margi Rossetti

- Have gotten children's books donations, not a lot of bundles
- Libby okayed using Tutoring Room for storing boxes of our books until Book Sale
- Hoping to go to another company, Discover Books. Will take a lot more books than More Than Words
- Will pay us \$.02 per pound of books. Will verify the contract because we cannot have a bin
- Raffle Bag is good, filled with goodies
- SWAG: USB flash drives may not be viable, perhaps bookmark with magnifier, Vista Print was suggested by Sara

Book Sale/Book Drives: Lesleyann Foster

- Needs publicity for Book Sale. Libby verified article will be in Foxboro Reporter
- Charles will get out lawn signs for Sale
- Wants to make a map for table set up
- Don can forward coupon to Members
- Person from Correctional Facility will pick up book donation
- April Book Drive was very successful, patrons saw it on Bookmarks at the Circ Desk
- Bookmarks are definitely successful for advertising
- Book Sale will be May 11, 12 13

Old Business:

1. Friends Social: Janice Rosado

First Social will be May 4, 1-3 pm at the library. 27 signed up. Cupcakes, boxes of Joe & waters will be served. Will have canvas Book Bags, gift cards & grocery bags available. Mothers' Day bundles ready. 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.

Have a Fall date. Would like to go off site. Station One could be available on Mondays or Tuesdays

2. Founders Day

Canopy from library available. Charles, Katherine, Betsy will help set up. Need 3 tables. Will set aside at least 4 crates of children's books. Invite Emma & Jennifer.

New Business:

1. **SWAG** – Margi discussed this in Book Shop Report

Action Items: Sue Collins

none

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

Next meeting: June 7, 2023

Meeting at 7:00 pm in Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins