

**Friends of Boyden Library**  
**Minutes of June Meeting**  
**June 1, 2022**

**Present:** Janice Rosado, Sue Collins Dave Crimmins, Charles DiPompo, Don Jenkins, Lesleyann Foster, Margi Rossetti, Colleen McManus, Jennifer Linskey, Betsy Buckland, Director Libby O'Neill, Senior Youth Services Librarian Jessica Henderson, Trustee Kevin Penders

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order

**Minutes of May 4, 2022:** Sue Collins presented the Minutes.

Dave made a motion to accept the Minutes; seconded by Margi. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Janice presented the Treasurer's Monthly Report for May 2022 for Bernadette:

**Income**

- - 4 weeks' worth of book rentals and book shops income
- - BOOK SALE brought in over \$3,550!!!!
- - 12 members paid dues of \$231.44
- - \$25 given in memory of Wilda Leggee
- - 12 Southwick Zoo passes brought in \$300

**Expenses**

- - renewed subscription to BookPage
- - purchased lots of great summer reading prizes
- - paid \$35 tax filing fee
- - Supplies/misc. consisted of: planter reimbursement, book shop supplies, book sale supplies, reordered Friends' note cards

Janice made a motion for \$200 for a banner for the parade for the horse & carriage, second by Sue. Motion passed.

Colleen made a motion to accept the Report; seconded by Charles. Motion passed.

**Report from Library Director: Libby O'Neill**

- Scheduled 2 teen programs & a Trivia Night, for adults
- Book Walk & Talk, 4 sessions scheduled
- Outside knitting & crocheting on the Common to meet people
- Cactus & Succulent Society is having a potting program
- Boyden Book Club morning group was successful, needs registration for evening group
- Kacee is leaving, accepting applications for her position, seeking part time Teen Librarian position
- Libby is working with the Trustees to select authors and activities for the Spinney Series.
- Survey resulted in many looking for cooking demonstrations & music programs

**Report from Senior Youth Services Librarian: Jessica Henderson**

- Boyden one of 12 libraries statewide selected for a Boston Bruins mascot Blades visit. Our Blades VIP visit will be on Saturday, June 18 at 11 am on the Common
- Burrell and Taylor elementary schools enjoyed tours of the Boyden Library.
- Jessica visited Igo and Burrell elementary schools to promote Summer Reading

- We have excellent Summer Reading Prizes this year, thanks to the Friends! Prizes are on display in the cases in the Spinney Family Children's Room.
- Children ages 0-12 will get a book and brag tag for registering for Summer Reading. Teens ages 13-19 will get a \$2 coupon to any Friends Book Shop or Book Sale.

#### **Trustee Report: Kevin Penders**

- Thank you for the kind note on the loss of his father
- Received a gift of \$50,000 from Richard McGrane
- \$750 from Garden Club for beautification of library grounds
- Reorganized after election, Collin Earnst -Chair, Kevin Penders -Vice Chair, Christine Igo Freeman-secretary/clerk
- Speaker Series is working with Libby for an author & activities

#### **Membership: Jen L. presented for Sara Halton**

- 12 new members in May bringing in \$235
- Total for year to date: 179 members bringing in a total of \$7,250  
Last year: 163 members, \$7,710
- Sara will work with Charles & Don over the summer to discuss the membership envelope ideas, etc.

#### **Newsletter: Janice reported for Jen Ooi**

- Newsletter went out last month. Next is the October issue

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

- Sorting Room is in order. Contacted sorters for the summer, not a lot of changes
- Thinking about statistics. A volunteer should count boxes/crates at the beginning & then at the end
- At the book collections, desirable genres could be promoted or help us decide what to keep

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

- Ally Rodriguez's books are still here. Person from Lucy Parson's Project wants to come.
- Considered Book Drives for the summer but will wait for the fall
- Wondering about a perk for early shopping for members, members confused about time
- Young Adults program on Friday would draw that age group. On Friday afternoon there are few sports
- Janice said Regional Library Friends in Tennessee gave her suggestions. One idea was selling bundles on eBay.

#### **Old Business:**

1. **Founders Day** – Sue reported that Dave, Betsy & Charles have made arrangements for the booth to sell children's books. Betsy has put together a bucket of books & goodies for a drawing for people who come to our booth. Should be a fun day! Libby will register people on a laptop.
2. **Teddy Bear Picnic on July 21:** Sue, Sara & Bernadette will have a table with children's books & membership envelopes.
3. **Website/Membership Envelope Review – Charles & Don**  
How do we increase Friends? Went to 11 other libraries. Many have envelopes like we do, some have brochures. Need to brainstorm. Social media is a great way to reach out. Our website is just text. Need

pictures, videos & things to catch your attention. Wants to expand our demographics. Let Charles, Don, Jen L, Sara & Colleen know your ideas. Discussed free membership, short Bulletins to promote new happenings.

4. **Volunteer Appreciation** – Margi will work with Dave to come up with ideas
5. **Library Beautification** – Don Jenkins filled a beautiful planter by the front door with his wife's help.

**New Business:**

- **Colleen** is working on the Audit. Suggested that whoever does the Audit should collect the materials they use & have notes to make it easier for the next person. Hopefully will be done in September
- We received a **\$15,000 donation in memory of Ann Clark**. Janice wants to have something concrete in her honor.

**Action Items:** none

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

**Next meeting:** September 7, 2022

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

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins