

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of June Meeting
June 5, 2024

Present: Janice Rosado, Betsy Buckland, Sue Collins, Bernadette Thie, Colleen McManus, Lesleyann Foster, Katherine Howard, Maureen Ryan, Margi Rossetti, Director Libby O'Neill, Youth Services Librarian Emma Brelsford, Teen Librarian Jennifir Huston, Sara Halton- Friend & Trustee
Guest: Ed Miller

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order. She congratulated Sara on her Trustee position and thanked everyone who helped with the Book Sale.

Approval of May 1, 2024 Minutes: Sue Collins

Janice made a motion to accept the May Minutes; second by Katherine. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sara Halton

- For income: Book Sale provided most of the income, numerous memberships from the Book Sale were also great. Adam gave us a check for over \$800.
- We purchased another 50 Southwick Zoo passes at \$25/ticket. Will continue to sell
- for \$20 to prevent any confusion. If we sell all these tickets, we'll buy 200 Zoo Passes next year. Other expenses include prizes purchased by librarians.
- Katherine will audit the books this year & then take over as Treasurer. We sincerely appreciate all Sara has done for the Friends & appreciate Katherine stepping up as Treasurer!

Director's Report: Libby O'Neill

- Libby thanked the Friends for sponsoring recent adult programs: Mixed Media art workshop, Candle Making workshop, and BollyX dance class, next BollyX will be held indoors.
- Upcoming Friends adult programs: Glass Painting, BollyX dance class, Pop Up Art School, Abigail Adams & Christopher Daley - doing a historical talk on Bonnie and Clyde
- Summer Bingo for Adults with Friends sponsoring gift card drawings. Some of the gift cards will be: Station One, Patriot Place, Union Straw, Ally's Cookies and the Ice Cream Beach Club.
- The library is starting a new service: Book Club kits which will include 5 copies of a popular title, discussion questions, info on the author, etc. A request was made to use 10 of the Friends canvas bags for the Book Club kits. The Board agreed that would be fine.
- Founders Day - thanked the Friends for sponsoring Bluey from 9-10 at the library's old entrance. Libby requested that someone bring back the wagons from Booth Field. Katherine said she would do that. Foxboro Short Film Festival (Juri Love's son, Jaden, is organizing this). Juri reached out to the library to be a part of this and host a Boyden Library Award "for the film about literacy and books." Libby requested the Friends sponsor this with a \$50 prize. The Board agreed to fund the \$50 prize. Some discussion was had on who will judge this award and a suggestion was made for a panel of judges: one staff member, one Friend, and one Trustee. Lesleyann suggested that at least 2 Friends be judges. Event is being planned for June 6, 2025.
- The new employee in the Children's Department is a part time employee is Holly Pelletier. She is an artist & loves children's books so a part time job works for her.

Report from Teen Librarian: Jennifir Huston

- Announced full time status beginning July 1st. Thanked the Friends for all their support.
- Confirmed with Sara and Katherine that they received the share of her program spreadsheet
- Summer Reading: will pertain to Read, Renew, Repeat, Parade float was an introduction of the theme, finding a new way to use old books. Make Balloon Propelled Vehicle from CreativeBug (Sponsored by the Friends of Boyden Library). Renew Clothespin dolls from CreativeBug (Sponsored by the Friends of Boyden Library), using a clothespin in a new way
- Prizes: will be displaying Summer Reading prizes in glass case on 1st floor. Provided by the community and Friends of Boyden Library: Podcast Bundle Kit for 2, Super 3D Printing Pen, (2) Fidget Pen
- Getting ready for the Founders Day Parade. 2 carts are ready, Emma & 2 teens will be marching, holding banners & passing out Smarties. Katherine will help get 2 wagons from the parade back to the library and will put it in the hallway outside the community room. Will spend some time at the booth at Booth Field with the Friends
- Other programs sponsored by the Friends: Felted Rainbow Patches with Pop Up Art School, Crafty Teens: Sunflower Wreaths, & decorate a Seashell, & Escape Room for Teens and Adults, August 20

Report from Youth Services Librarian: Emma Brelsford

- Spending money on Tom Brady party supplies, including snacks. Activity will be pin Tom's face on the GOAT! Will have a drawing of a picture autographed by Tom Brady.
- Gave out stickers when visiting schools
- Muralist, Michael Macauley, will paint a big 12 crushing a sidewalk that will look like 3D. Kids can take a picture with it.
- Teddy Bear Picnic – called ice cream truck & wants something else such as a creative balloon artist

Trustee Report: Sara Halton

- 2 new Trustees: Sara & Paul Ivanovskis
- Kevin elected Chair, Jen Ooi - Vice Chair & Sara - Clerk

Membership: Colleen McManus

- 20 memberships with 31 individuals, 15 brand-new members
- 185 total memberships representing 215 individual members

Newsletter: Bernadette Thie

- Bernadette will be taking pictures of events taking place this summer: Founders Day Parade, Founders Day booth & Teddy Bear Picnic. Requests that if people take pictures, send to Bernadette

Book Shop: Margi Rossetti

- Bay State picked up all of our books! They explained it took so long because they were overwhelmed when Discover Books closed. They asked if we wanted a regular summer pickup, but Margi thought she will do an "as needed basis", best if we start in August. Margi will call & discuss this matter with Bay State Books.
- Adam came & took 2 bins.
- Margi put together 4 bins for Founders Day. She will also put together books for Teddy Bear Picnic and will include Easy Readers. Sue appreciates her help in this matter!
- Swag – out of Book Plates that we put in the Drawings. Margi made a motion for \$50, with a second by Bernadette, to purchase Book Plates from Amazon. The Board unanimously approved.

- Eric Galanti from the Foxborough Housing Authority at Carl Anon Court called. They are cleaning out a deceased gentleman's apartment & hopefully will bring them over here to library's Tutoring Room. They want to donate them to the Friends rather than dispose of them. Margi will call Adam to look at books if they are in good shape.
- Have been getting donations

Book Sale: Lesleyann Foster

- Thanked everyone for volunteering! Most Patrons were very enthusiastic! Thanked volunteers for taking on multiple shifts.
- The organization at set up was great, everything was numbered & went smoothly.
- Need to order another card table because current one is unsafe
- Art Association needs to be mindful of our Book Sale tables. We don't want art damaged. All went well with the art exhibition even though several pictures were placed very low.
- "Members Only Bag Sale" on Friday afternoon went very well, a lot of new members signed up to benefit from the Bag Sale!
- We need to get new Lawn Signs, will ask Paul Farmer. Janice suggesting dispose of the big wooden sign. Lesleyann and Betsy will price out signs for September meeting.
- Book Drives scheduled for 9/14 & 10/19.
- We should remember the retractable sign for the Friends events.

Old Business:

1. Founders Day, June 8 – Sue Collins

Renee will be dressed up as Bluey in front of library, kids can have their pictures taken with Bluey. Betsy, Rick, Katherine, Gary, my daughter & I will help set up & break down canopies. Janice will have 2nd canopy on field. Betsy will pick up books, tables, library canopy & yard games on Friday. Betsy has put together great treasures for a drawing! Have temporary tattoos & lollipops to give away. Sara gave Betsy what we need for credit card sales & Venmo. All are invited to stop in during the day. Emma & Jennifer will have fun with patrons playing yard games!

2. Teddy Bear Picnic, July 10, 5:30-8 pm. Sue Collins, Mo Ryan & Sara & Morgan will set up a table & sell pre-school books & give away lollipops & temporary tattoos. Sara has volunteered to set up for credit card & Venmo sales.

New Business:

- 1. Fall Social Committee Appointment** – after no one volunteered to set up mini golf & games, Janice & Board agreed that the event at Union Straw went very well! Janice will make arrangements for Social in mid-October.
- 2. Puzzles for Plainville Library – Sue Collins**
Sue informed Libby that if she would like to downsize the number of puzzles at the library, she would donate them to the Plainville Library.

Adjourn: Colleen made a motion to adjourn; second by Lesleyann . Motion passed.**Next meeting:**
September 4, 2024 Meeting at 7:00 pm in Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collinsb