

**Friends of Boyden Library**  
**Minutes of June Meeting**  
**June 7, 2023**

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

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order.

**Approval of May 3, 2023 Minutes:** Sue Collins presented the Minutes  
Betsy made a motion to accept the amended Minutes; seconded by Margi. Motion passed.

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

**Income:**

- We sold \$300 in Zoo Passes
- Memberships did well due to people signing up at Book Sale

**Expenses:**

- Paid for some programs & supplies
- Paid for Social expenses & the Owl

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

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

- Thank you for sponsoring the Human Library Program
- Had some cooking programs
- Virtual Talks in cooperation with Tewksbury about Virtual Presidents Program
- Wrapping up Adult Bingo. Will have a drawing for prizes
- Thanks for all Adult Friends Programs presented at the library
- Candle Making & Art workshop
- Getting an Oculus for gaming for Library of Things
- Fused Glass Workshop
- Wants people to fill out Survey for 5 Year Strategic Plan; people like Staff & Building; Parking is an issue
- We should be getting the Fox in the Boro on Friday!

**Report from Teen Librarian:** Jennifir Huston

- Showed the Maker Space Collage
- Friends paid for a Henna program put on by a Foxboro mother
- Will schedule a program for parents about social media that target young people who may have poor self-image & suicidal thoughts
- Book Club is struggling but Jennifir will keep going
- Ventriloquist Kevin Driscoll was amazing & funny
- Having a 3-part Art Series
- Having a Hip Hop & Jazz dancing workshop
- Can paint a faux glass cube
- Will Have 4 volunteers for pass out candy wearing leis for Founders Day
- Summer Reading: Friends paid for big prizes, gift cards & other rewards for readers

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

- Summer Reading; all the prizes are ready
- Goodie Bag for 1<sup>st</sup> 100 registrants
- Bubble Man is 1<sup>st</sup> June Friends sponsored event
- Finished school visits: every student from elementary schools to Ahern got application for a library card!
- Discussion on how to get a contact at the high school
- Foxboro Music Rocks sponsored by Friends was a lot of fun!
- Taylor Johnson who was on Ninja Warrior, wants to Read a Book with kids
- For Founders Day will make a lawn signs: “Libraries are for everyone”, “Having Fun isn’t hard With a Library Card”
- Teddy Bear Picnic: July 20 at 11-1. Wants a rain date place, will keep searching

### **Trustee Report: Libby gave report -Joyce Parlapiano was not present – Sue forgot to send her notice**

- On May 9 Trustees reorganized: Kevin Penders is Chair, Christine Igo Freeman is Vice Chair & Jen Ooi is Clerk now.

### **Membership: Don Jenkins**

- 20 memberships received, but actually individuals 22, most signed up at Book Sale
- 18 new Friends
- 172 memberships, 183 total individuals
- 109 Lifetime members; of those, 20 paid for this year, perhaps we should reach out to see if Lifetime members are still interested in getting mailings
- Janice brought up updating membership envelopes & Info card. Sara will work on that

### **Media/PR: Jen Linskey not present – Janice presented**

- Janice was wondering how talk about Social Event went on social media
- 10 people participated online so we picked a winner for a drawing
- 421 followers online!

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

- Has a new sorter to cover for someone who had to leave
- Switching to Discover books, posted guidelines for sorters
- Will sell some Mothers’ Day bundles & make it a Mystery Bundle
- Adam will come next week to look at our books
- Will look at Swag for the fall

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

- Book Sale was great! Thanks to all the volunteers especially Betsy who took over when Lesleyann unavailable
- Looking at all the money we make with Book Sales, Book Shops & Adam, she really doesn’t think we need to raise prices.
- Perhaps at the Bag Sale have a lesser price if you are a Friend, that might promote membership, raise price for others, should make more money. Bestsellers should be \$5!

- The Last Chapter should be included in Book Sale at regular prices
- Wants to change colors on Signage
- New lawn signs needed
- Talked about opening early, have a membership perk to come early. Email just to members
- Book Drive September 30 & October 28
- Next Book Sale November 5, 16, 17, 18

#### Old Business:

##### 1. Friends Social: Janice Rosado

20 people came, some no shows. Janice & Betsy made an impromptu presentation. We did a great job with food: cupcakes were a hit! People seemed to be open to an off-site event. Maybe have a ticket for a drink & appetizers. Need to RSVP, perhaps 7-9 pm in the fall at Station One.

##### 2. Founders Day

Charles, Betsy & Rick, Katherine & husband will help set up. Have a great spot right in the middle! Have books, lollipops, temporary tattoos & lawn games. Welcome to Emma & Jennifir. Libby & family always welcome! Pray for a nice day!

#### New Business:

##### 1. Appoint Auditor – Janice

Katherine volunteered to do it in the fall.

##### 2. Teddy Bear Picnic – Janice

Sue & Sara volunteered to have a table selling books & free lollipops on July 20

##### 3. Diane Monahan remembrance – Janice

Sunshine Fund allows for \$100, plus, we could get library book money to buy travel books & Girl Scout books. Have a display with Diane's picture & the books. Janice made a motion for \$100 in Diane's memory for books & bookplates, second by Sue. Motion passed.

##### 4. Circulation Desk starting up magazine exchange again

#### Action Items: Sue Collins

none

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

**Next meeting: September 6, 2023**

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

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins