

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of October Meeting
October 6, 2021

Present: David Crimmins, Bernadette Thie, Jen Linskey, Bob Boyton, Margi Rossetti, Jennifer Ooi, Charles DiPompo, Lesleyann Foster, Colleen McManus, Sara Halton, Library Director Manny Leite,

Dave called the meeting to order

Minutes of September 1, 2021: Jen O presented the Minutes

Two changes were requested: Dave said the newsletter will actually go out during the last week of October or first week of November, and Margi made a minor grammatical suggestion that the 6th bulleted line under “Book Sale/Book Donation” be amended to say “at the book sale, with appointments, there were not enough people”. Dave made a motion to accept the amended Minutes; seconded by Jen Linskey. The Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Bernadette presented the **Monthly Treasurer’s Reports for September**

- The bookshop continues to bring in a good deal of money.
- The Friends received a \$250 donation from Partners in Patriotism, for which we are grateful
- All 100 Zoo passes were sold.
- Payment was made for part of the Signature Series programs.
- \$600-\$700 expected from Adam from book sales.
- Not many expenses for youth services yet, it was a busy summer.
- The Friends purchased flowers and a gift for Betsy Buckland to celebrate her retirement.
- Dave announced that Elaine has resigned from the Board, and Betsy Buckland will be joining in February.

Bob made a motion to accept the Report; seconded by Charles. The Motion passed unanimously.

Report from Senior Youth Services Librarian: Bernadette on behalf of Jessica Henderson

- The youth program budget is depleted, the summer programs were extremely popular, so Jessica has requested that the Friends provide \$550 for a Pirate Magic Show during the winter vacation.

Bernadette made a motion to approve the expense, Bob seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

Newsletter: Dave Crimmins

- Articles are due from everyone on October 22, and the newsletter will go out the last week of October or first week in November. Dave will include information on the Friends’ 60th celebration on November 14th, which features a presentation by Jack Authelet in the Community Room.

Membership/Pay by Phone: Sara Halton

- There are 3 new members, for a total of 162 current members bringing in approximately \$7,700 in memberships. The membership numbers are stable, whereas the total dollar amount has increased somewhat.

- Pay by Phone is set up, people will be able to pay at book sale and for memberships using PayPal and Venmo. She will write an article for the newsletter and she and Jen L. will produce something to put online.
- Lesleyann asked if she could have the names of any new people who have expressed interested in volunteering for the book sale. Bernadette will send them to her.
- Lesleyann would like to put a request for volunteers in the newsletter. Sara said Foxboro Volunteers page on Facebook is also a good place to seek volunteers and she will put it there too.

Book Sale/Book Donation: Lesleyann Foster

- Book Sale: November 17 set up date, with two set up times, AM and PM, to accommodate volunteers' schedules. The sale will run November 18-20, with a bag sale all day on Saturday. Lesleyann will reserve the Community Room for the Adult/Teen Book Sale, and the Fuller Room for the Children's sale.
- There haven't been huge crowds at the sales, so it seems unnecessary to have reservations and Member's hours. It was suggested that we do a Members' raffle instead - Lesleyann is going to plan that.
- The September book drive was very successful, and the sense of volunteers is that we are getting more, and better quality, donations during the Saturday drives vs. the regular book drop at the library. The next Saturday book drive will be on October 30.
- Lesleyann will send an email draft to the library to solicit book donations from their mailing list.
- Bernadette has the names of several people who have books to donate and she will forward them to Lesleyann.
- Lesleyann would like to publicize specific categories of books we might need, and Bob will work on providing her with a list of categories.
- The Friends haven't been publicizing the sale on booksalefinder.com. The shopping methods of book dealers was discussed, and how to keep the room uncrowded and moving along. Lesleyann will draft language to encourage them not to stack books so they can review them later.

Report from Library Director: Manny Leite

- They had a great retirement part for Betsy Buckland at Bertucci's, her last day is October 12th. Margi gave a lovely speech. Interviews are ongoing for her position. Another position is open for a page, and that hiring process will be completed shortly. Final interviews are with Bill Keegan, Town Manager.
- We had two Signature Series events, "Bollywood: Dancing Through the Ages" presented by Vju Lyengar, and "Traditional Indian Music" with Shuchita Rao. Tomorrow night will be an evening with author Nandini Bajpai, the author of "Sister of the Bollywood Bride" at the Orpheum at 7 p.m. Masks will be required, and we will provide some at the door for attendees who arrive without them.
- There is also a Henna event at the library coming up on October 27.
- The Sunday Concert Series will begin after Columbus Day, featuring Women in Country music, bluegrass, folk rock, and Matt York with songs based on The Highwaymen.
- Manny is working on the Spring Concert series.
- On October 21st Bram Stoker Award-winning author Paul Tremblay, with special guest Fox25 anchorman Jason Law, will be at the library.

- On November 29th well-known journalist, reporter and author Ted Reinstein, will appear to discuss his new book “Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Break Baseball’s Color Barrier”.
- Sunday hours will start after Columbus Day, at which point the library will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m each Sunday until the end of April. The library is closed on Monday, October 11th.

Trustees Report: No Trustees were in attendance.

Old Business:

- Friends 60th Anniversary:
Sue has arranged for Jack Authelet to speak on November 14 in Friends’ Community Meeting Room.

New Business:

- Colleen will do the Giving Tree this holiday season and she will talk to Lisa Downs at the Discretionary Fund to help coordinate.
- Dave requested that Sara review the Bylaws and make suggestions for necessary revisions.
- Dave and Charles will work on Nominations Committee together.

Adjourn: Margi made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Lesleyann. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: November 3, 2021

Meeting at 7:00 pm in Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Jen O