

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of April Meeting
April 2, 2025

Present: Betsy Buckland, Sue Collins, Katherine Howard, Betsy Lorusso, Bernadette Thie, Colleen McManus, Margi Rossetti, Lesleyann Foster, Director Libby O'Neill, Teen Librarian Jennifir Huston, Youth Services Librarian Emma Brelsford, Ashley Clement Janice Rosado, Mo Ryan-Wise, Kelly Conger, Trustee Jen Ooi.

Sue Collins called the meeting to order.

Approval of March 5, 2025 Minutes: Betsy Lorusso No questions or changes on March minutes.
Sue made motion to accept the Minutes; seconded by Katherine. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Katherine Howard

- Katherine has re-submitted a new draft of the 2024 Annual Report
- Katherine & Libby opened new Director's account; both are on it.
- Katherine & Bernadette are on primary bank account, Bernadette and Sara Halton on CD, Katherine on Bartholomew.
- New increase on Money Minder annual fee \$299 due in September/October 2025, budgeted for \$300.
- Venmo is still not working
- Zoo passes are available at circulation desk-Kathy Lowey
- Betsy Buckland had question on Annual Community Reads event: expenses \$779 were listed under Teens as there was not a line item for Community Reads, and Book Sale, \$56 was for printing, should be put in Printing, not Book Sale
- Janice makes motion to accept Annual Report and March report; Mo 2nd. Motion passed.

Report from Teen Librarian: Jennifir Huston

- Programs Sponsored by The Friends:
- March: After Hours Ghost Hunt, Seed Starter Kit (partially sponsored by The Friends), Crafty Teens: Weave Your Own Bookmark
- April: Crafty Teens Suncatchers, Aromatherapy with Klassic Kreations, Mentalist Ryan Lally with Adults.
- May: Watercolor Painting with Miss Mehta, Crafty Teens: Pressed Flowers
- Summer Reading: Friends will sponsor giveaways: stickers and little notebooks. Jennifir has school visits scheduled in May. The Friends will sponsor Prizes: Buttonmaker Kit, Jelly Fish Lava Lamp, Tosy Magnetic Toy, 6 in 1 Brain Teaser and Memory Game.
- Spring Flower Event: arrangements at cost of \$450 equals \$26 per arrangement or \$30 per attendee.

Report from Youth Services Librarian: Emma Brelsford

- Baby Sign Language with Sheryl of Baby Kneads has been going well. We have had 2-3 meetings and the babies are already signing. This was a Friends sponsored series.
- First meeting of Boyden Buds Garden Club. Friends' funds were used to purchase clay pots and seedlings starter trays. The kids painted pots and planted marigold seeds to take home. They also started basil, tomato and radish seeds in trays which will live in the stairwell until they are ready to plant in the garden.
- Busy planning Summer Reading Program. Looking into booking Talewise Science Heroes: Adventure of the Lost Color and will purchase supplies to Build Your Own Board Game. Emma's hope is that the kids

will work together to create a game that they can keep in children's dept for all to play. Mini Big Top performance is scheduled April 26th at 11 a.m. Still waiting on the Foxborough Cultural Council to approve the performers' grant. Total cost of program is \$900, Emma is hoping that the Performer will negotiate price if Cultural Council doesn't award her the Grant since Emma had no budget for this amount.

Trustee Report: Jen Ooi.

- Budget is done, union negotiations complete and ratified. Just need Town Meeting approval May 12th. Community Reads was really well done. Makerspace is going to moving to the tutoring room as the Café is too noisy.
- Soft roll out to be 6-7:30 and then on a Friday morning. They will buy a divider. Capital improvement budget. Libby put \$100K into budget for elevator controls but that amount was slashed to \$50K to change sensors.
- Trustee Election: Christine Igo Freeman is not running for reelection; Kevin Penders has one more year.
- Janice to attend April 8th Trustee Library meeting at 7 pm.

Director's Report: Libby O'Neill

- Libby trying to get checks for the new bank account. Jen Ooi suggested using Harland Clarke.
- Thank you again to The Friends for sponsoring the Community Reads promotional materials for Community Reads, the kick-off event featuring a Medium, and basket weaving program. It was such a successful Community Reads month. 70 people attended the author event. Lots of interest for the basket weaving demo, but only 6 people attended. April programming: 4/7 Sara Letourneau- poetry and author talk. She will be asking participants if they would like to make a donation at the program and handing it over to The Friends.
- 4/10 Friends sponsor Artwork of Abraham Megeridichian, talk given by his son, Robert.
- We have two concerts left: 4/6 Peter Ward Trio and on 4/13 Crowes Pasture
- 4/12 Jennifir will be doing the Spring floral decorating workshop, there are 40 people on the wait-list.
- Libby is working with the Health Department to start a new "Turning the Page to Recovery" collection with addiction and recovery resources available for patrons to take home-no library card required or check out required, allowing for anonymity.
- Requesting a truck and driver for Founder's Day parade for our Mario Brothers/Leveling Up Summer Reading themed idea to be in the parade.
- April 27- Fixit Clinic-seeking volunteers to be the fix-it people. Handy people that like to tinker and or repair items. Katherine volunteered to sew at the event!

Membership: Colleen McManus

The number of memberships. In 2024 was 116, since March 2025 membership is now 133. Winners of the Membership basket drawing were Bob & Pat Murphy, who were very happy with the win. Colleen took picture for Newsletter. Will put a spreadsheet of volunteers from of the new memberships and send to the Executive board. Lesleyann to add to SignUpGenius for Volunteers; the executive committee can also disburse names to the appropriate Chair people.

- # 116 renewals for 2025 members
- # 17 are brand new
- # 133 Total 2025 members

Colleen found there are about 100 members since 2023 who have not renewed; she will forward names to Lesleyann and Betsy B. for a mini membership drive before upcoming book sale.

- Sarah had set up Microsoft One Drive account originally; Colleen has restored it and it is usable again. Board could use it for document sharing and storage. There are individual officer email accounts in the

account. Betsy B would like Colleen to work with the Microsoft One Drive account more and report back to the board regarding its best usage. Two factor authentications will make it more secure.

- Colleen suggested maybe do mini membership drives throughout the year and she will look into those from 2023 who haven't renewed membership

Newsletter: Bernadette Thie Newsletter is pretty much done and ready to send off to Betsy B for her red pen.

Book Shop: Margi Rossetti: Book drive went well. There was a donation with 500 real pristine vinyl records. Suggests pricing them at 2 for \$1. Libby may buy a turn table for Library of Things and would like to have any of the unsold vinyls.

The time of Book Drive was 10am-12pm which worked really well. A lot of recent adult books were donated. Kelly Conger suggested picking up books from Buy Nothing Foxboro. Ashley and Colleen will put info about the book drop box in the lobby on social media.

Matt Donnelly came for first time. There were some good text books which he took. Matt sent Margi a spread sheet which is live updated. She set up an "Air table" account to be able to view his spreadsheets. Matt will be sending Friends a check quarterly for his sales.

The sorting room is filling up and may need to move books into the Tutoring Room. Libby said Friends will not be able to use Tutoring Room next fall as the Makerspace will be in there. Suggested to store books under stairwell.

Book Sale: Lesleyann Foster

She is finalizing the publicity and SignUpGenius to be sent out shortly. New lawn signs to be picked up and assembled by Betsy B. She'll reach out for help if needed. There are 30 Book sale signs. Ashley will have one on her yard and will distribute to those on Central Street. Yard signs to be put up Sunday, May 4 or after before the book sale. Fall book sale will be November 13,14,15. Set up on 12th. Libby confirmed room is booked for sale.

May Friends Meeting has been rescheduled to **May 14 at 7 pm**. Send Book Sale information for social media to Jen Linskey. Lesleyann's new slogan for this year's bag sale: "Bigger and Better Bag sale is \$10"

Betsy Buckland makes a motion to allow \$75 to place ad in the May 3rd FHS Pops brochure. Sue 2nds motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- **Update on tote bag purchase:** Janice bags are ordered, check sent.
- **Foxes-in-the-Boro: Sue Collins** Sue will meet with Cultural Council on Wednesday 4/9 at 7 to discuss the Fox issue.
- **Founders Day: Sue Collins** Founder's Day is June 7th first Saturday. Sue to Chair Founder's Day. Libby has set aside the canopy. Katherine wrote a check for \$40 to pay for the allotted space. Betsy B volunteered to bring Jenga & Connect Four, tables, and books from Library to the field. Katherine, Betsy B, and Betsy L to volunteer. Betsy L will bring children's board books from sorting room to Founders Day.
- Shruthi Reddy will apply Henna tattoos for free, Friends to reimburse her for supplies.
- Katherine will ask husband to borrow the truck for parade for Jennifir and Emma to decorate. Betsy B and Rick will return tables

New Business:

- **Change of May Meeting date:** Betsy Buckland stated Friends May meeting is changed to **May 14th at 7 pm**

- Teddy Bear Picnic volunteers: Betsy Buckland: Teddy Bear Picnic is July 12th at 11 a.m. The Friends will have a table with Books to sell. Volunteers: Ashley, Betsy L, Colleen, Sue.

Adjourn: Betsy L made a motion to adjourn; second by Ashley. Motion to adjourn passed

Next meeting: May 14, 2025

Meeting at 7:00 pm in Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Betsy Lorusso