

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of September Meeting
October 1, 2025

Present: Betsy Buckland, Sue Collins, Katherine Howard, Betsy Lorusso, Margi Rossetti, Bernadette Thie, Lesleyann Foster, Colleen McManus, Charles DiPompo, Ashley Clement, Kelly Conger, Director Libby O'Neill, YA Librarian Jennifir Huston, Youth Services Librarian Emma Brelsford, Trustee Paul Ivanovskis

Meeting called to order: Betsy B calls meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Approval June 4th Minutes: Betsy Lorusso

- Betsy asks if any questions or changes to the September 3rd minutes. Ashley Clement requested amendment regarding her Trustees Report. Betsy then requested a motion to accept the September 3, 2025 minutes with the amendment by Ashley. Katherine made motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Ashley. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Katherine Howard

- Now in 4th Quarter of 2025. Available cash \$12,066. Income \$888.79 from Bookshop, Donnelly and Zoo passes.
- Expenses \$687.75 tote bags, basket items for Book Sale, tax fees. Taxes for past 3 years are submitted. Hot spot audit done by Renee. Found that Friends sponsored Hot Spot was missing; it was deactivated on 9/17. Now the Library has 7 hot spots, Libby suggests maybe one more be added for next summer.
- Zoo passes 245.5 tickets. 7 tickets short -\$140. Need better tracking. PayPal wasn't working at the time so that may be the issue. Libby suggests to count the tickets from Zoo when received and keep a spread sheet checking off how many tickets sold. Libby also suggests maybe change to a different program vs the Zoo. Zoo passes are available starting February 2026 for best discounted price.
- Audit underway for 2024. Thanks Bernadette.
- Stop & Shop Community Bag program for month of November. Bernadette to organize and monitor. Send to Jenn Linsky to publicize on social media

- Rest of funds for programming dispersed \$5378.00.
- Betsy B asks Katherine how we can add to our funds if needed. Can cash in CD value of \$5000 early for a \$20 fee. We only have one CD left at OneLocal Bank. Can also withdraw from Bartholomew.
- Katherine discussed with Libby the process of transferring funds to the Library's account . Friends will discuss the annual budget in January. Libby spoke of the Friends possibly fronting \$1000 before the annual budget is approved at February meeting for early 2026 expenses.
- Betsy B said we will not have to cash out the CD this calendar year as the book sale in November will provide funds and Donnelly has been adding money.
- PayPal is now working with QR code. Bernadette said that the PayPal QR code was not at the book shop. Libby will put new PayPal QR codes at book shops. Venmo is still down.
- Katherine requests motion to accept September Financial Report. Bernadette makes motion to accept Report, seconded by Margi. Motion passed.

Director's Report: Libby O'Neill

Thank you to the Friends for the sponsored programs in September:

- 9/15 A talk by Joan Creamer who designed our fox, Snow Flake: 8 attendees. 9/18 Ted Reinstein author talk: 22 attendees.
- 9/30 Explore Mental Fitness and 9/30 Explore Mental Fitness and Positivity Workshop with Ronni Hochman: 9 attendees
- Upcoming programs:
- 10/09 Pumpkin craft with Rachelle Toth, 10/23 Henna program with Shruthi, 10/29 Boston Light talk with keeper Sally Snowman
- 10/30 Burn Boston Burn: Author Talk with Wayne Miller
- 11/2 and 11/16 - First two concerts of the season
- Updates:

- We are now partnering with the Trial Courts Law Libraries' Public Library Initiative to provide Access to Justice allowing patrons to zoom with a law librarian and/or attend their court hearings at the library. We will provide a private space, Wi-Fi, a laptop and headphones.
- Boyden's Food Cupboard kicks off on Monday, October 6th!
- Save the date March 31, 2026 for our next Community Reads Author event. Author will be announced soon.
- Libby's request for the Friends to sponsor a new program to distribute paperwhite Bulbs to patrons as an extension of our successful Seed Library. Kim Ferguson put together a proposal to have the Friends fund this for \$250 and she will purchase 200 bulbs, providing 1 to each patron, or possibly 2 depending on how popular the program is. November-December. There is \$105 left over from Community Reads. Betsy B to make motion to fund the \$250 using the \$105 in Community Reads budget, plus \$145 from Friends. Katherine made motion; Sue C 2nd. Motion passed.

YA Librarian's Report: Jennifir Huston

- Programs sponsored by The Friends: Sept: 6: Quilling with Miss Nilo & Heidi: 11 Attendees. Sept. 17: Crafty Teens: Magazine recycled Butterfly Garland: 4 Attendees, Sept 20: Cricut Craft with Miss Nilo & Heidi: 7 Attendees.
- October: Sponsoring notebook and pen giveaway for school visits: Oct 8: Foxborough Regional Charter School, Oct 15: Foxborough High, Oct. 22: Ahern
- November: Crafty Teens: Decorate Pumpkins
- Tinker Tank: Will be going to Ahern's PAC meeting October 20th to promote and answer questions about Tinker Tank. Will also have two of the volunteers talk to classes at school about Tinker Tanks. Plan to meet with STEM teachers to possibly do a program with 5th- 6th grades and 7th-8th grades.
- Great school year with the kids. Jennifir likes to go to the school visits to introduce herself to the kids who are then comfortable when they come to library. Going to Ahern School PAC and talk about Tinker

Tank. Betsy B. asked how the teen room was working. Jennifir said today there were 15 kids. Jennifir asked them to write reviews for Teen newsletter. Some kids are reading a lot, and behavior is good. Jennifir revised the guidelines for teens room; teens and parents sign with parents phone number included.

Youth Services Librarian Report: Emma Brelsford

- Friends Funds were used on Amazon: Pokemon Battle Academy Board game for Pokemon Club, Slime ingredients, onesies and fabric pens for Community Baby shower activity.
- This year instead of Trick or Treat through the library, Emma is switching it up and doing a Monster University program with different stations.
- Upcoming Programs:
 - 11/19: Plimoth Pautuxet Museum-First Thanksgiving play stations
 - 12/29: Ukulele with Julie Stepanek
 - 12/30: Mobile Quest STEM passport

Trustee Report: Paul Ivanovskis

- Paul came to our Book Drive with a great collection of books left over from his church's rummage sale.
- Must return money not spent from budget. Libby returned \$.69.
- Two-seater pods with no doors to go near the reference desk.
- Friend Reps to upcoming Trustee meetings: Betsy B for Oct, Betsy L for Nov, Katherine for Dec.

Membership: Colleen McManus

- 185 members to date; 191 members last year. Colleen offered her dahlias for Friends Social
- Ashley showed her postcard for the Social Take away bags. Katherine mentioned she has tax exempt form for social purchases.
- Giving Tree would like to share the position with someone. Bernadette offered to help. For the Foxborough Discretionary Fund. UNWRAPPED gifts only

- Colleen will have Giving Tree up for the Book sale or even Veteran's Day. There will also be a bin to collect new books.

Newsletter: Bernadette Thie

- Fall Newsletter is pretty much put together.

Book Shop: Margi Rossetti

- There were ten new volunteers at the book drive. Carol Lyons, Sandy Esmond, and Norma helped organize. Book plates have arrived.
- Matt Donnelly dropped off \$409.
- Buttons for Trustees and Volunteers in bag on sorting room table.
- Margi would like to make larger font signs with thicker clear covers for book sale book bins, to make it easier to find categories. Margi to price out 2 boxes of 100 covers for approx. \$50 each at Staples.
- Betsy B ok to take money for covers out of budget line item of \$252 Administrative advertising/fees. Ashley will bring sample of laminate to Margi. Make one large sign and use smaller for all other crates at book sale. Margi will go thru the holiday books for book sale keeping Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Hanukkah books for Fall sale and keep spring books out for spring sale. Bundle the books for bookshelves.

Book Sale: Lesleyann Foster

- 5 Book Drive signs to be ready for the next drive Paul Farmer print shop. Some very nice donations at Book Drive, 4 boxes of vinyl records.
- Will sell vinyl for \$1 per record. Printed promotional book marks are done, Lesleyann went Canva crazy, made some new graphics. Sign up genius to be out by mid October.
- Canvas book bags in--now have 50. Kathy Lowey has bookmarks behind the circulation desk.
- Betsy L. contacted Bay State book to schedule pick up on Nov 17th after book sale.

Volunteers: Janice Rosado

- Janice sent emails to 14 members from list of volunteers, received no responses. Janice will be unable to attend book sale.

Old Business:

- Social menu is set with Costco, take away bags made, Ashley to pick up buttons from book shop before Social.
- Margi ok for us to put a Gift certificate to Book shop in the Door Prize

New Business:

- Nominating committee needed to put a nomination list together. Betsy B will step down from Co-president position in January 2026.
- Bernadette, Charles and Betsy L to be on this nominating committee. Meeting room needs to be booked now for May book Sale May 13,14,15,16
- Libby to reserve rooms for Spring book sale and she cannot attend the November Friends meeting.
- Friends representatives need to sign up for Library Trustee meetings Jan-June.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn. Ashley made motion; 2nd by Katherine. Motion passed.

Next Meeting November 5, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted by: Betsy Lorusso, Secretary