

Friends of the Taft Public Library Meeting Minutes 2/22/2021

Gaye, Due, Leesa, Andrew, Tara and Caitriona met virtually via zoom on 2/22/21.

Status Update

The pandemic continues, thus the library is still physically closed to the public, however curbside pick up is operating four days a week, along with take and make crafts and virtual events/programs for all ages, from tea making to baking and painting (many of which have had good participation numbers). The library had started appointment only viewing in the fall but with increasing covid cases in the winter and the town's red covid status, the library needed to return to the curb side only option again. This will be reviewed at the next trustee meeting on 3/10/21, as covid numbers are on the decline once again.

Paula and Martha both retired and Andrew expects to have two new library employees start mid March. At that point, he is confident the library will extend curbside pick up to Saturday mornings.

Events

Tara plans on creating a summer reading plan similar to 2020, with virtual programs and take and make events.

Sue has been planning the "craft your word" event since pre covid (hence the delay). It was decided to keep it on hold until the weather improves and possibly hold outside (if approved by the Board of Health).

The Friends discussed the idea of doing a watercolor greeting card, we will get the paint and any necessary supplies and do a virtual event, to be recorded for those who do at a later date.

Financials

Leesa provided account balances, including donations. Activity has been minimal (covid). She plans on doing the taxes in the near future.

Tara has requested reimbursement for zoom, which is critical for the community's library accessibility. The Friends will pay for past zoom fees and services for the next year.

Seed Library

Many of Leesa's seed sources are not providing seeds this spring. She suggested (and was approved) purchasing locally, creating a google order form and making packages available for curb side pick up.

Next meeting tbd