

## **Friends of the Taft Public Library Meeting Minutes 4/26/2021**

The Friends held their monthly meeting virtually, in attendance were Gaye Porciello, Leesa Michael, Caitriona Scott, Tara Windsor, Andrew Jenrich and Amanda Esquilin. The minutes from the March meeting were approved and placed on the Taft Library website.

### Library Update:

The library plans to continue with curbside pickup and appointment only visits. The goal is to increase opening hours without reservation and with a customer maximum of ten people -stay tuned.

### New Facebook:

The new website now has well in excess of 100 likes since its go live date on 4/5/21 and continues to grow. Raffle tickets were given to those who liked, posted or shared the page and the winners were selected at this meeting. Martha Taylor Sedgwick; Erica Fritz and Lauren Heather all won gift cards to JJ's, the Muffin House and Katydid, respectively.

### Friends Recruitment Drive:

The Friends currently have three board members and are seeking a new secretary and new Friends volunteers to devote their time, talent and ideas to the library. Leesa is creating a brochure advertising the Friends group, which will be placed in take & make bags, left on the library check out counter and will also be visible on the website.

Leesa attended the Trustees April meeting to update them on Friends upcoming events. Caitriona will be attending the May meeting on 5/12/21. The Trustees are in a transition phase with three outgoing Trustees, more updates to follow after the town election.

### Financial Update:

The General Account was updated to include a donation and also expenses related to raffle prizes, the seed library, the succulent take & make and the garden workshops.

### The Seed Library:

Leesa spent approx \$500 on seeds, fulfilling about 85 requests for seeds. A small quantity of seeds are left over and may be repurposed for children crafts.

### Garden Brochure:

Leesa emailed all present three bulb and flower brochures, for the fall, spring and holiday season. 50% of all sales made would go to the Friends. Leesa will sign the Friends up for the fall sale, launch it in August and have a cut off date in mid October. People will have the option of purchasing as a group with a library order or virtually individually. The group purchase will avoid shipping charges.

### Book Sale:

The Mendon Senior Center is planning to hold their annual town wide yard sale on 6/12/21, with a rain date of 6/13/21. The Friends will hold their outdoor book sale on this date, on the library lawn. Gaye is creating a flyer, advertising both a book sale and requesting donations. Items sold will not have a set price, instead a donation of any amount is requested.

Summer Reading:

Tara has planned more summer activities, including two beach concerts, a dog frisbee act and some great interactive virtual activities, in addition to Chef Rob, trivia, Jungle Jim, kid yoga and more.

**Next Friend meeting: Monday, May 24th, 2021 @ 7.30pm.**