

Taft Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2021

Taft Public Library

Members: Amy Fahey, Ellen Agro, Wayne Phipps, Leigh Martin, Kelley Aubut

Staff: Library Director Andrew Jenrich, Children's Librarian Tara Windsor

Friends' rep: Leesa Michael

- Call to order by Amy – 6:02 pm
- On a motion by Ellen, 2nd by Wayne the Board approved the March 10, 2021 meeting minutes.
- Andrew presented the Director's Report and Budget Report
 - Andrew welcomed the two new staff members and stated they are acclimating well.
 - Andrew anticipates that the Library will be re-opened to the public the week of May 10, 2021.
 - Anne Mazar approached Andrew about testing out a method to eradicate the Japanese Knotweed in the back. Anne also noted the Hemlock was infested with a pest and needs attention.
 - Programming continues to see excellent attendance
 - Some MBLC requirements for State-Aid have been loosened for this year.

- At the Library Legislative meeting, Brian Murray praised the collaboration of Taft Library with Beginning Bridges and evaluations from Beginning Bridges was very flattering.
- Strategic Planning update
 - Andrew believes the upstairs area could work for holding these meetings in person.
 - Amy suggested a survey be sent out to get preferences for meeting dates/times
- There will be 3 open Trustee positions in May. Alison Chu will be running for Kelley Aubut's seat. Leigh and Amy's seats will be vacant. The Trustees will need to recommend appointees to the Select Board.
- The Taft Library Friends gave an update of recent activities and announced their officers in their newly organized group. Gaye Porciello – President, Catriona Scott – Vice-president, Leesa Michael- Secretary. The group will be looking to increase membership. Leigh mentioned her willingness to join the group. The group has a new Facebook page and encourages us to like it.

- Next meeting May 12, 2021 at 6:00pm
- On a motion from Ellen, 2nd from Kelley the meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm