

Friends of the Taft Public Library Meeting Minutes 8/30/2021

Today Gaye, Leesa, Lisa, Laina, Tara and Caitriona met via zoom for the monthly meeting. The minutes from the June meeting were approved and will be placed on the Friends page of the library's website.

Overview

Tara stated that the summer reading program was a great success, with a mix of outside and virtual programs and more than 100 children, 60 teens and 60 adults registered. Story times were packed, often in excess of 30 children, both beach events had great attendance, as did the Wingmasters events and the dog show. The take and make crafts were well received by both children and adults as was the JJs ice cream raffles.

Going forward, story time will be limited to a maximum of 12 families and will continue to take place outside.

From the maintenance side of things, there is a dead tree outside the library, the Highway Dept has been informed, and is expected to take care of it. The town is cutting the library's grass and the library staff have been attending to the appearance of the outdoor area with weeding and mulching.

Friends Revitalization

Today Lisa Bibring offered to take on the role of Secretary of the Friends of the Library, Gaye brought it to vote, both Leesa and Caitriona voted in favor of it.

Leesa printed the new Friends promotional flyers and put them at both circulation desks. Tara suggested creating the flyer in the form of a poster with dates, times and zoom links to be shared on both the library and friends websites.

Laina suggested doing magnets as part of the recruitment drive, to serve as both thank you and promotional material. The group also discussed other advertising opportunities to be researched further.

Financials

No major changes in the financials, Leesa made the payment for the final garden series zoom. There were on average 20 attendees for each garden event.

Events

The fall Mead tasting event is scheduled for 10/1/21. There will be two tastings, 1.5 hours each, to take place at the Meadery in Blackstone. Caitriona created the poster, Leesa set up the PayPal and Tara set up the registration.

The Ted Reinstein book talk on Ted's new book, "Before Brooklyn", is scheduled, Leesa created the poster and Tara is organizing the pre registration.

Caitriona has been in contact with local scout leaders. They will be proposing the creation of a story walk as a potential Eagle Scout project to interested scouts. They will keep us informed of the outcome.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 27th, 2021 @ 7.30pm. The meeting will be at the Taft Public Library and also via zoom.