

Taft Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes 9/14/2021

Members Present : Ellen Agro, Wayne Phipps, Alison Chu, and Shana Miller

Staff Present: Andrew Jenrich and Tara Windsor

Friends of Taft Library member: Gaye Porciello and Lisa Bibring

Meeting called to Order @ 6:00 pm

1. Minutes from 8/11/2021 Wayne motioned to approve, Shana Miller second motion, minutes approved unanimously.
2. Friends of Taft Update: There are now seven members of the friends, doubled in size. The Friends are having a flower bulb fundraiser which has raised \$450 so far. The fundraiser ends 10/15/2021. They are also hosting a Mead Tasting 10/1/2021 at Crave Mead in Blackstone. The Friends will coordinate volunteers quarterly with a beautification project to help weed, plant, and maintain the grounds and landscaping at the library. New friends members will receive Magnets with Taft Library information. There are funds available from Vista Print for banners or signs for the library. Friends meetings will be in person with a zoom option available. The next meeting is September 27th at the library.
3. 6:15pm : Andrew presented Director's Report/ Budget. Staff COLA update, retro pay should be built into the budget. Rate change happened on last check. Monika Schmid has been doing a lot of landscaping and weeding. Monika has also organized the storage rooms like a pro. Facilities- Roofing contractors are not calling back, possibly due to the small size of the job. Reached out to Rick Tusoni but he is not licensed and bonded to do the roof. AC was leaking and Victory responded and took care of the issue quickly. In a holding pattern for tree removal in the back and the electric charging station. Tara, Monika, and Kris all worked resetting the Children's Area and the Periodicals. Genealogy room has also returned to normal. Town committees and library related programs can meet upstairs periodical room. The Genealogy room can be reserved for town-affiliated groups only at this time. Tara Windsor-Programs-Attendance was still good for all August programs. Rolie Polie at the town beach was a hit like it has been in the past. All Take and Make crafts were distributed. (181 in total) September events calendar includes Adult Book Club, Coffee & Conversations, Nonfiction book club, Itty Bitty Storytime, Story & Craft time, Music & Movement, Alphabet Storytime, Chef Rob, and College Essay Writing. In October Tara is bringing back kids' graphic novel clubs. Halloween is back. There will be a Local Author for Storytime. Looking into a possible Russian Story Time-Upton lady offered for free. Conversational German on Mondays with Monika. Projects- Children's nonfiction completely weeded. There are now 10-12 boxes for the next book sale. Hotspots are in but still need to be reconfigured. Town News- Monitoring use of masks in the library. Historical Commission still plans on using the library on Saturdays for interviews with seniors. Spoke with Bellingham library about the little library they have and besides a periodic cleaning of it no issues with library books being left in the little library. The Town is trying to go to a hybrid model for meetings. The Upstairs meeting room in Town Hall is all set up with cameras, speakers, and a screen. This was done through Sunset Sound at a minimal cost. Library will look into it for the downstairs space. Would help to expand programming due to the current limits.

4. Strategic Planning Committee may need a new representative as Ellen is now on the Master Planning Committee.
5. Next Meeting set for Wednesday October 13, 2021 at 6pm.
6:57pm Motion to adjourn by Wayne Phipps, second Shana Miller. Meeting adjourned.