

Taft Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes 11/18/2021

Members Present : Ellen Agro, Shana Miller, Sean Nicholson, & Alison Chu,

Staff Present: Andrew Jenrich

Friends of Taft Library member: Gaye Porciello

Meeting called to Order @ 6:00 pm

1. Sean entered a motion to accept minutes from 10-14-21. Ellen second. Unanimously passed.
2. Gaye presented Friend's update – Several families and volunteers helped with the clean up of the grounds for Fall. Leaves raked, pricker bushes cut back, and tulips planted various places on the grounds. The same volunteers will be back to help in the Spring. Friends are hosting a DIY Crafting Day for Holiday presents. It will be for 9 and up, drop off on Thurs December 9th and Saturday December 11th. Next meeting for the Friends will be November 29th.
3. 6:08 pm Andrew presented Director's Report/Budget. Staff will have holiday gathering Monday 12/13. The open staff position has 8-9 applications. Two have stopped in to meet Andrew and talk about the position. Three to four of the applicants look promising. Thirty to forty received through HR/Indeed. Will interview 3-4 and go from there. Posting is up until tomorrow. Try to start interviewing before the holiday. If not hope to fill by mid January. Only open 10-2 Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Will be open 12/23rd. Will be open Friday NYE 12-5pm. Facilities-Clean up by friends was fantastic. Waiting to hear back from Superior Roofing on when they will be here to make repairs. Check has been cut by the Friends and given to Superior. Would there be possible mold in the attic. See about having it inspected. Mass Save? Fencing quote was \$10-\$13K. Friends discussed planting arborvitaes as an alternative which would be much more cost effective. Air Purifiers were purchased and are in use for the Winter months. Power outage on the morning of October 28th prompted discussion with Ellen about the possibility of purchasing a generator. Will reach out to the Fire Department on what is needed. Budget is on par where it should be at 32%. EBSCO was paid for annual subscriptions. Programs continue to have good attendance. Spoke with other libraries and attendance seems to be down across the board. Andrew's contract is up as of June 30, 2022. Contract discussions will begin for the next year. He will be send the Trustees a copy of the contract for the up coming year.
4. 6:46 pm lost a quorum, Sean had another meeting to attend. Next Meeting Set for January 12th at 6 pm.