

**Friends of the Taft Public Library**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 29, 2022**

In attendance at the meeting were Leesa Michael, Gabrielle Porciello, Andrew Jenrich, Tara Windsor, Caitriona Scott and Lisa Bibring.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved and will be posted on the Friends of the Taft Public Library page of the library's website.

Leesa attended the March Board of Trustees meeting. The trustees support using state aid money to pay for the land surveyance to the left of the library. The storage of multiple cars at the neighboring property was discussed. The trustees also approved the hiring of a strategic facilitator/consultant to oversee the Strategic Planning Committee. Andrew is interviewing three candidates.

The library defibrillator is on order but is currently out of stock. Leesa will follow up to get a time frame.

Andrew/Tara -

The librarians continue to weed out old and unused books and audios.

Patrons have called to drop off books for the June 11th book sale. Leesa suggested that the library have a specific dropoff time on the first three Saturday mornings in May. The Friends will cover those Saturday morning time slots from 10-12 pm so books can be dropped off in front of the library garage.

Hank Phillippi Ryan will be giving a book talk on her newest book, Her Perfect Life. She will be speaking via Zoom on Monday, April 4th during the regularly scheduled 7:00pm Adult Fiction Book Club. All are welcome, but registration is required.

Tara has also connected with author Jane Green who has agreed to discuss her newest book, Sister Stardust. This will also be via Zoom on Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 pm. Andrew and Tara will notify local libraries of this event.

The Board Members and library staff discussed the 2023 library budget.

Friends Revitalization -

Gaye will send out the new Friends brochure in the first two weeks of April.

Friends Activities/Programs -

The landscaping quote for the arborvitae trees obtained by Caitriona was higher than expected so we will continue to research alternative options.

The library has received thirty-four entries so far for the six word short story competition. All entries must be in by April 2nd. Andrew and Tara will determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for all categories on Monday April 4th. Ribbons and gift cards will be awarded to those winners.

The Flower Power Spring Fundraiser is off to a good start. This event is all online and is a great opportunity to order flowers for the enhancement of your garden. This is a fundraiser for the library and we receive 50% of the sales.

Gaye will send out an email blast at the beginning of April to alert patrons that the Seed Library is up and running. This year the Seed Library is self service. Patrons can stop by the library and take home a variety of seeds to add to their garden.

Go Go Goats will be grazing the library property on the morning of April 30th from 8-12. Families can visit the goats and create a craft.

Spring Clean up will occur on May 21st. More information to come.

The Tea Party Fundraiser is booked for Sunday, May 22nd. More information to come at the April Meeting.

The next Friends Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

