

Taft Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes 3/09/2022

Members Present : Ellen Agro, Wayne Phipps, Shana Miller, Sean Nicholson, Sharon Lutrell & Alison Chu

Staff Present: Andrew Jenrich & Tara Windsor

Friends of Taft Library member: Lisa Michael & Gaye

1. Meeting called to Order @ 6:01 pm by Ellen Agro
2. Motion to accept the 2/9/2022 minutes by Wayne Phipps, 2nd Shana Miller. Passed unanimously.
3. Friends Update by Lisa Michael- Lots of new members and ideas. Snowman contest had 8 entries. So far 12 entries for the 6 word poem contest. Flower Power fundraiser is currently going. Seeds are ready for distribution. Wellness night is coming up and hope to sponsor more going forward.
4. Directors Report-Staff Meeting 3/21/2022 Facilities: Roofing repair is done. No issues seen since the repairs. The Friends purchased a defibrillator. It has not come in yet, ETA 2-3 weeks. Friends will contact Leigh Martin about plaque for defibrillator. Budget: Up from January, at 64% spent, on target. Programs going forward will continue to have remote access. Far better turnout for programs with remote sessions. Attendance continues to be solid. Adult book club coming up with Hank Phillip Ryan. Teen Book Club- Projects: Lots of weeding and rearranging of large print section. Tara purchased hanging bag rack. Playaway has expanded. No longer ordering CD audio for Children's, Weeding Children's DVDs and picture books. Magazine issue has been solved. Town News: Will be looking to attend a Select Board meeting in March.
5. Strategic Planning-Reached out to Jim Broe several times and no response. Looking at an outside facilitator which will be at a cost. Possibly using State Aid for that expense. Planning committee is in place. Sean entered a Motion to allow Andrew to find a facilitator, second by Wayne. Passed unanimously.
6. Topics not anticipated with 48 hours- Ellen is sending a letter of support for renaming of the old Library that is on the agenda for the Select Board meeting. A citizen is asking for it to be named after Lorna Rhodes. Ellen took the initiative to revisit the property next door to the library and the condition and has emailed the Select Board. Asked to be on for March 30th after Budget meetings. Possible use of State Aid to have a survey done of the property. Unregistered vehicle bylaws need to be addressed. Zoning enforcer called and did not actually look at the property.
7. Andrew's contract-Narrowed down to see what salaries of similar towns by population. It did need some right sizing but not a lot. Looked at average salary raise. 5% raise in the first year. Everything else is the same in the contract. Salary is comparable to similar towns around Mendon.
8. Set next Meeting for April 13th, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.
9. 6:38 pm Wayne motion to adjourn, 2nd By Shana Miller.

