

## Taft Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes 4/13/2022

Members Present : Ellen Agro, Wayne Phipps, Shana Miller, Sharon Luttrell, & Alison Chu

Staff Present: Andrew Jenrich & Tara Windsor

Friends of Taft Library member: Gaye Porciello

1. Meeting called to Order @ 6:00 pm by Ellen Agro
2. Motion to accept the 3/9/2022 minutes by Wayne Phipps, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shana Miller. Passed unanimously.
3. Friends Update: Yard Clean Up with goats April 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a craft table for the kids. Flower Power Fundraiser is going well, up to \$500 so far. The six word poems contest went really well. There were 42 entries. Lots of entries from the Middle School. Mother's day craft on a Tuesday Night. Succulents and vase with rocks. Book Sale on June 11<sup>th</sup>, same day as town wide Yard sale. Donations will be taken in front of the garage on Saturdays in May. Posting on Facebook, Email, and Town Crier. Katrina will take over as Friends President.
4. Director's Report- Evergreen 3.7 will go live next week. Next door piles have been condensed and moved closer to the property line. Budget- Heavy in March but where it needs to be for the year. Programs- Movie night last week went well with a small group from Nipmuc. Jane Greene event last night went well, only 8 of the 20 signed up. She may stop by when she is in MA. In person event for Trivia Night next week. Projects-Possibly need to order more shelf flats. Town News-Strategic Planning and consultant updates.
5. Strategic Planning Update: Reached out to 4 consultants. Heard back from 3. Mary Brainy is a consultant since 1987. Has had her own business for the last 15 years. Current member of Finance committee in Spencer, MA. She may be able to start in the Spring and end in the Fall. (October/November) 3-5 Meetings, Survey, Total for Services. \$3500 plus \$150 and hour not to exceed \$5000. Maxine is the second consultant spoke to, very experienced and wealth knowledge. Self-professed outside of the box thinker. Spoke for over an hour on the phone, would do Focus groups, Recommendations, Etc. Asks-\$16500, plus \$200 hourly at a cap of \$7000. Next Thursday meets with Barbara. Will email Barbara to see her earliest availability. If not until Fall then will go with Mary. Master Plan Committee is asking about library study.
6. Set next meeting for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Regular Session ended at 6:33 pm