

Friends of the Taft Public Library
Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2022

In attendance at the meeting were Leesa Michael, Gabrielle Porciello, Andrew Jenrich, Tara Windsor, Lisa Bibring, Leigh Martin and Caitriona Scott (via Zoom).

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

Leesa and Gaye have officially been elected as Trustees of the Taft Public Library. Congratulations!! A huge thank you for all the time and energy that you have given as board members of the Library Friends.

The next Library Trustee meeting is on June 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Caitriona will attend.

Andrew/ Tara - Library Updates

The owner of the house to the left of the library has returned. The renter is no longer in residence. He has removed the extra vehicles and debris so a fence or row of arborvitaes is no longer needed.

The spring clean up was skipped but there are a few areas that need attention. Gaye suggested that the boy scouts could do it as a project. She will send the information for Marissa Moore to Caitriona. Marissa had asked previously if we had any projects for her troop.

Andrew ordered the shelf flats but they will not arrive for approximately two months. The total bill is \$1229.03 which the Friends will pay once the order has arrived.

The Library Strategic Planning Committee is moving forward. The committee would like to have two focus groups meet this month. The first focus group will be the library staff and the second group will be the library Trustees, Friends and the Strategic Planning Committee. There will be future focus groups and open forums after the two this month.

The Summer Reading Program registration begins June 13th. This program will last for eight weeks with many activities and gift card prizes.

Tara was confronted with a multitude of ticks at an outdoor children's program last week which forced the group to move inside. She will contact a company to eliminate the ticks and the Friends will cover the cost.

The end of the Summer Reading Program is August 9th at the town beach. All children will receive a ticket which can be used at the concession stand for a free ice cream treat. The Friends will cover the cost of the ice cream. The Toe Jam Band will be the evening entertainment.

The cardboard boat race is back and is scheduled for July 12th! The friends will do a 50/50 raffle. Lisa will purchase more raffle tickets for the event.

Friends Activities/Programs -

Gaye set up an email blast for all June programs to go out automatically.

Gaye notified Lauren Sannicandro from the Mendon-Upton Regional School District that Lisa and Caitriona are the new contacts for the Friends.

The Flower Power Fundraiser earned a total of \$369.

The defibrillator bought by Leah Martin is still on backorder. The company will substitute a higher priced defibrillator since the wait has been so long. It was agreed that this is a good option and the library will receive it much faster.

The Volunteer Survey needs to be updated to reflect current opportunities for volunteers. Caitriona suggested that we have a link on the library's website so interested patrons can sign up from there.

The book sale is on Saturday, June 11th. Caitriona will send notification to the school system that teachers can preview books from 8-9am on the morning of the sale.

Gaye presented information on a Sign Painting Fundraiser. A \$40 per person charge would give the Friends back \$10 per person. Gaye suggested that doing

the fundraiser before the 4th of July would work well as it is a patriotic theme. She will forward the contact information to Caitriona.

Caitriona suggested a future fundraiser at the company ConnectEd and Inspired in Bellingham. They have a great variety of creative options for groups such as canvas painting, cookie or cupcake decorating, clay work or watercolor painting.

The next Friends meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.