

Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes
Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA
Feb. 28, 2023, 7:00 PM (held via Zoom)

Members present: Lisa Bibring, Caitriona Scott, Leigh Martin

Also present: Andrew Jenrich, Tara Windsor, and Gabrielle Porciello

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Caitriona Scott.

II. Minutes

Caitriona moved to accept the Jan. 31, 2023, minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Meeting Updates

Leigh attended the trustees' meeting on Feb. 9, 2023, gave a summary of her report to the Trustees about the Friends' activities and outlined the Trustees' discussion and undertakings, including budget issues and two upcoming trustee vacancies.

Next trustees' meeting is on Mar. 9th at 6 PM. Caitriona will attend.

IV. Library & Strategic Plan Updates

The annual budget has been submitted and Andrew will deliver a March 15 presentation before the town finance committee. The library has been open for new Monday hours, 10 AM to 4 PM, from Feb. 6. until Mar. 13. Attendance has been light. Patron interest seems to be oriented towards more library hours in the evenings. On Mar. 3 at 6 PM, a Strategic Plan reception will be held at the Taft Library. Tara reported that a wide range of children's programming has been full, including many book clubs.

V. Friends Financial Update

Lisa presented a financial update and accounts are healthy. Caitriona moved that the Friends pay the library's yearly fee for Zoom services. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business, New Business, and Upcoming Events

Many upcoming classes and contests will be taking place this spring. An Oscars night red carpet experience will take place at the library on Mar. 7 at 6:30 PM, with participants receiving props, photos, and a swag bag, before a scheduled 7 PM lecture. Tea blending classes will be held at Herbs Make Scents on Mar. 10 and Mar. 24. A Zentangle class will be held on Apr. 4 at 6:30 PM. The six-word essay competition will run through March and conclude in early April. Orange Jellyfish will host an April 28 flower pebble art class at 6:30 PM.

The seed library stock is in the process of being refreshed and re-packaged; a second downstairs location for seeds will be evaluated in the near future to foster distribution.

A Woo Sox baseball event is planned for the afternoon of Sunday, June 11 as a community get-together with many kid-friendly activities.

Plans are underway for the annual library book sale tentatively scheduled for Sat., June 10, including the accepting of book donations during the month of May.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Mar. 28, 2023, at 7:00 PM.