

**Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes**  
**Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA**  
**June 28, 2022 7:00 PM**

Members present: Lisa Bibring, Caitriona Scott, Leigh Martin

Also Present: Library Director Andrew Jenrich; Children's Librarian Tara Windsor; Trustee Leesa Michael; Trustee Gabrielle Porciello

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Catriona Scott.

**II. Election**

Caitriona Scott moved to nominate Leigh Martin as secretary/clerk. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**III. Minutes**

Caitriona Scott moved to accept the May 31, 2022, minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. Volunteer Survey**

A volunteer sign-up form will be sent out for the Cardboard Boat Race and the End-of-Summer Reading Party. Raffle tickets sales and survey for upcoming events and activities will also be distributed.

**IV. Meeting Updates**

Caitriona attended the trustees' meeting on June 7.

Strategic planning and the library focus group discussion was reviewed.

A community forum regarding the strategic plan will take place in the near future.

Conducting library focus groups at the middle and high schools was mentioned for the fall, facilitated by Tara and Andrew.

The next trustees' meeting is Aug. 10 at 6 PM.

**V. Library Updates**

Andrew and Tara reported that summer programming is off to a good start, with many upcoming activities such as the Worm Race, Pet Parade, and Read-Around Town story times filling up. Two concerts and the cardboard boat race will also be held at the town beach. Standard story times are also continuing throughout the summer.

**VI. Transition of Friends Responsibilities**

Gaye will be helping the Friends transition to updating the various computer, email, and social media accounts. Lisa will update the Friends' record of officers at the Secretary of State website.

**VII. Unfinished Business/Past Events**

The June book sale earned \$1161.55; the direct donation method is preferred and results in higher revenue as opposed to individual pricing of books.

The wooden Americana sign fundraiser on 6/27 was well-attended, enjoyable, and garnered \$110. Another sign fundraiser may be considered for the fall.

**VIII. New Business/Upcoming Events**

Lisa presented a financial update and accounts are healthy.

The annual Cardboard Boat Race will take place on 7/12 at the Mendon Town Beach.

Upcoming fundraising ideas under consideration include having a local craft store activity night, hosting a tea party, running a fall/holiday flower bulb drive and flower arranging class, and participating in the Woo Sox town takeover baseball game next summer.

A joint Friends-TPL Instagram account will be created in the near future.

The Friends will decline the offer of hosting a booth at the Mendon Country Fair on Sunday, 10/9.

**Correspondence & Farewell**

A thank-you note was received from Janice regarding the book sale donation she received for her work in the prisons.

Leesa and Gaye were thanked for their many years of service to the Friends and the Taft Public Library.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Sept. 27, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Minutes by Leigh Martin