

Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes
Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA
Sept. 26, 2022, 7:00 PM

Members present: Lisa Bibring, Caitriona Scott, Leigh Martin
Also Present: Library Director Andrew Jenrich

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Catriona Scott.

II. Minutes

Caitriona moved to accept the June 28, 2022, minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Meeting Updates

Caitriona attended the trustees' meeting on August 10 and gave a summary of Trustee undertakings. Next trustees' meeting is Oct. 13 at 6 PM. Lisa will attend.

IV. Library Updates

Andrew gave an update on library activities. The AED has been installed on the first floor. Summer reading wrapped up at the end of August; 207 readers participated in the incentive program. Public fora will be held on 9/28 and 10/13. Focus groups will also be conducted during the next month, including those for parents & caregivers, Nipmuc RHS students, and Seniors. A placeholder article has been added to the 11/14 special town meeting warrant requesting funding for additional staffing hours for the children's librarian and additional help. If the article passes, the library would be able to be open to the public for an additional eight hours a week.

V. Survey Updates The survey is out and bookmarks are available at each circulation desk, at the town clerk's desk and the treasurer's desk Town Hall, as well as having the survey announcement posted at the Senior Center, on Facebook, the Mendon Parks webpage, and the town clerk's webpage.

VI. Transition of Friends Responsibilities

The various online accounts and responsibilities for updating them are in the process of being assumed by the current Friends members.

VII. Financial Update

Lisa presented a financial update and accounts are healthy.

VIII. New Business/Upcoming Events

Current and upcoming activities include the Fall Flower Power online fundraiser, a holiday wreath workshop, watercolor and Zen Doodle classes, and a tea blending class. Other ideas include the WooSox town takeover baseball game and a recipe book.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 25, 2022, at 7:00 PM.