

Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes
Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA
Jan. 31, 2023, 7:00 PM

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 7:06 p.m. by Caitriona Scott.

II. Minutes

Caitriona moved to accept the Nov. 29, 2022, minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Meeting Updates

Caitriona attended the trustees' meeting on Dec. 14, 2022, gave a summary of her report to the Trustees about the Friends' activities and outlined the Trustees' discussion and undertakings.

Next trustees' meeting is on Feb. 9th at 6 PM. Leigh will attend.

IV. Library & Strategic Plan Updates

The annual budget has been submitted and includes Mon-Sat coverage. Andrew will present a March 1 presentation before the town finance committee. The library will be open for new Monday hours, 10 AM to 4 PM, beginning Feb. 6. until Mar. 13. A survey to gather patron feedback will be conducted regarding expanding library hours. The library's Strategic Plan has been sent to the MBLC and is being promoted as an exemplar in their office. On Mar. 3 at 6 PM, a Strategic Plan reception will be held at the Taft Library.

V. Friends Financial Update

Lisa presented a financial update and accounts are healthy. The Friends have spent just under \$600 recently on programming, materials, and supplies.

VI. Old Business, New Business, and Upcoming Events

Late fall and winter activities provided much enjoyment for crafty participants, including the wreath workshop and the DIY Holiday event. The Yumraiser Fundraiser also made a modest profit.

Many upcoming classes are also being developed and promoted. A watercolor craft will be held on Feb. 7 at 6:30 PM. A fly-fishing workshop will be held in March. 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 at a cost of \$20; the Friends will pay \$10 for each registration, and classes are limited to eight participants.

The pebble art class with Orange Jellyfish was well attended with eleven participants. Orange Jellyfish will host an April 28 flower pebble art class, and the Friends voted to pay \$10 per registration. A Zentangle class will also be scheduled for late spring.

The seed library stock needs to be re-packaged, so supplies will be ordered and the Friends will work on the repackaging.

A Woo Sox baseball event is being considered for May or June as a community get-together.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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

Minutes by Leigh Martin