

Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes
Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA
Mar. 28, 2023, 7:00 PM

Members present: Lisa Bibring, Caitriona Scott, Leigh Martin

Also present: Andrew Jenrich and Tara Windsor

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Caitriona Scott.

II. Minutes

Caitriona moved to accept the Feb. 28, 2023, minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Meeting Updates

Caitriona attended the trustees' meeting on Mar. 9, 2023, gave a summary of her report to the Trustees about the Friends' activities and outlined the Trustees' discussion and undertakings, including ongoing budget issues and candidates for the two upcoming trustee vacancies. Next trustees' meeting is on Apr. 13th at 6 PM. Leigh will attend.

IV. Library & Strategic Plan Updates

Many books have been brought to the old rectory for the book sale, both donations and shelf-culled; Andrew estimates 45 cartons. He will not be attending the book sale. He will help with presorting in May. We can use lower level of library. We will advertise in mid-April and start collecting donations in the beginning of May.

Strategic plan objectives include cleaning of the detached garage and the rectory garage will take place this spring with a dumpster for discards. The library is planning to update its website and library app to improve functionality.

The trial period of the library being open on Mondays was successful and feedback is being collected.

V. Friends Financial Update

Lisa presented a financial update and accounts are healthy.

VI. Old Business, New Business, and Upcoming Events

Many upcoming classes and contests will be taking place this spring. An enjoyable Oscars night red carpet experience took place at the library on Mar. 7 at 6:30 PM prior to a 7 PM lecture.

Tea blending classes are being held at Herbs Make Scents; one took place on Mar. 24 and another will be held Mar. 31.

An upcoming Zentangle class will be held on Apr. 4 at 6:30 PM.

The six-word essay competition has been popular and will end on 4/12; winners will be chosen on 4/13 and posted on FaceBook.

An April 28 flower pebble art class with Orange Jellyfish will take place at 6:30 PM.

The seed library is up and running.

A Woo Sox baseball event is scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, June 11, as a community get-together with many kid-friendly activities; tickets have been selling well.

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

Future Fundraising Ideas

Possible fundraising ideas include having a medium for afternoon readings and an assembled Lego kit raffle.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Apr. 25, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Minutes by Leigh Martin