

Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes
Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA
Apr. 25, 2023, 7:00 PM

Members present: Lisa Bibring, Caitriona Scott, Leigh Martin

Also present: Andrew Jenrich

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Caitriona Scott.

II. Minutes

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

III. Meeting Updates

Leigh attended the trustees' meeting on Apr. 13, 2023, gave a summary of her report to the Trustees about the Friends' activities and outlined the Trustees' discussion and undertakings, including a review of selected library policies and the trustees' reorganization. Next trustees' meeting is on Thurs., May 11, at 6 PM. A Friend will attend.

IV. Library & Strategic Plan Updates

The library will be frugal in the next few weeks in regard to the end of the fiscal year budget. Two picnic tables need reconditioning; Andrew will get quotes and the Friends will pay for the work. The garage and rectory need to be cleaned out, according to the strategic plan, and the town will be contacted about getting a dumpster. The library is also planning to update its website and library app to improve functionality.

V. Friends Financial Update

Lisa presented a financial update and accounts are healthy.

VI. Old Business, New Business, and Upcoming Events

Many classes and activities are taking place this spring; patrons have been providing very positive feedback on the Friends' offerings.

A tea blending class was held at Herbs Make Scents took place on Mar. 31.

A Zentangle class was held on Apr. 4.

The six-word essay competition was popular; winners were chosen on Apr. 13 and their entries will be posted in the library.

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

Patrons have been showing interest in the seed library and teachers are taking seeds to use with their learners.

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

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

Future Fundraising Ideas

A Dairy Queen fundraiser may be planned for the near future.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

The next meeting will be held on May 30, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Minutes by Leigh Martin