

Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes
Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA
Sept. 12, 2023, 6:30 PM

Members present: Lisa Bibring, Caitriona Scott, Leigh Martin

Also present: Andrew Jenrich and Gaye Porciello

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Caitriona Scott.

II. Minutes

Caitriona moved to accept the June 26, 2023, minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Meeting Updates

The trustees' meeting took place on Aug. 17, 2023, at 6:00 PM. A general library policy review is being undertaken.

Next trustees' meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21, 2023, at 6:00 PM. Leigh will attend.

IV. Library Updates & Requests

The summer reading program was successful, with many enjoyable events offered for library patrons.

The reading incentive program was especially popular this year.

The Taft Public Library cardboard boat race with the 50-50 raffle went off very well at the town beach, with many participants and spectators taking part. The cardboard boat race will be promoted earlier next year.

Fall programs have started, with children's story times taking place. Andrew is working on the State Aid report, which is due next month. Tara is planning a party for children and adults in October and will be ordering candy from the Sweet Inspirations shop in Milford.

V. Friends Financial Update

Lisa presented a financial update and accounts are healthy.

VI. Friends Old Business, New Business, and Upcoming Events

Many fundraising ideas are being planned. A PINZ bowling and/or axe-throwing fundraiser and a Red Heat fundraiser are under consideration, as well as an Oct.-Nov. Lego raffle. Programming for autumn may also include a fall-themed craft class, wreath class, a Zentangle or watercolor class, tea blending, and the holiday DIY program.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

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

Minutes by Leigh Martin