

**Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes**  
**Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA**  
**Jan. 30, 2024, 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 7:02 p.m. by Caitriona Scott.

**II. Minutes**

Caitriona moved to accept the Nov. 27, 2023, minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. Meeting Updates**

The trustees' meeting took place on Jan. 11, 2024, at 6:00 PM. Next trustees' meeting is scheduled for Feb. 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

**IV. Library Updates & Requests**

The carriage house will be taken down by the town at some point in the near future. Chuck Noel has donated several boxes of books for the annual book sale, and library weeding is ongoing. A new online library interface system (Aspen) is being implemented and will be operational in March. Blackstone Valley Tech HS is interested in having students help revamp the library website. This year's library budget is fairly conservative and highlights a need for additional staffing hours. The Friends will be paying for the library Zoom account renewal as has been customary and the new request of the cloud storage fee this year.

**V. Friends Financial Update**

Lisa presented a financial update and accounts are healthy.

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

The DIY holiday Gift Workshop was held on Sat., 12/16, with a good number (24+) of participants and volunteers attending. The Friends may start promoting library programming on FaceBook and through email blasts. The seed library is being replenished in time for the growing season. Some spring projects may include collaborating with a local Cub Scout troop and having a t-shirt design contest with Clough elementary school students. Fitness and yoga classes are planned for this spring.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Feb. 27, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Minutes by Leigh Martin