

**Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes**  
**Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA**  
**Feb. 27, 2024, 7:00 PM**

Members present: Lisa Bibring, Caitriona Scott, Leigh Martin

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Caitriona Scott.

**II. Minutes**

Caitriona moved to accept the Jan. 30, 2024, minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. Meeting Updates**

The trustees' meeting took place on Feb. 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM. Next trustees' meeting is scheduled for Mar. 7, 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. The rectory roof and chimney leak issue will be addressed by Copeland Roofing soon as well. The MA central and western region of libraries (CW MARS) will be switching to a new public-facing catalog on March 4<sup>th</sup> called Aspen. IT students from Blackstone Valley Tech HS are working on improving the library website. Taft library staff members are currently planning the Library of Things for circulation.

**V. Friends Financial Update**

Lisa presented a financial update, and accounts are healthy.

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

A fitness event is planned for 4/9 at 7 PM. Aloe plants are being sold for fundraising in the lower level of the library. The seed library is being replenished in time for the growing season and should be open in the next few weeks. Some spring projects include having a summer reading logo design contest with Clough elementary school and Miscoe Hill middle school students. Lisa will be in contact with the Scout troop to discuss collaborative projects, such as help with the book sale and spring clean-up. Book donations are currently being accepted for the book sale.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Mar. 26, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Minutes by Leigh Martin