

Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes
Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA
Mar. 26, 2024, 7:00 PM

Members present: Lisa Bibring, Caitriona Scott, Leigh Martin

Also present: Library Director Andrew Jenrich

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Caitriona Scott.

II. Minutes

Caitriona moved to accept the Feb. 27, 2024, minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Meeting Updates

The trustees' meeting took place on Mar. 21, 2024, at 5:00 PM. Next trustees' meeting is scheduled for Apr. 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

IV. Library Updates & Requests

The MA central and western region of libraries (CW MARS) has changed to a new online catalog, Aspen. IT students from Blackstone Valley Tech HS are improving the library website. Taft library staff members are currently promoting the Library of Things; ten items are currently in circulation.

Building-related issues include the rectory's roof and chimney having been repaired with funds from the town's building maintenance account. Steve has completed plasterwork and painting touch-ups.

Window cleaners are coming this week, and a landscaper will start working on site soon. Some members of the BVT Leos will be cleaning and painting the library sign in late April. Book weeding is ongoing, and many boxes have been moved to the garage in preparation for the library book sale in June.

The budget proposal has been prepared and will be presented before the town selectboard and finance committee on 3/27.

V. Friends Financial Update

Lisa presented a financial update, and accounts are healthy.

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

The Training with Tara fitness event will take place on 4/9 at 7 PM. Aloe plants are being sold for fundraising in the lower level of the library. The Neighborhood Forest free trees for kids and teens giveaway was highly successful; saplings will be distributed around Earth Day (Apr. 22). The seed library is now open for the growing season. Other spring projects include hosting the summer reading logo design contest with Clough elementary school and Miscoe Hill middle school students. Lisa has been in contact with the Scout troop to discuss collaboration, such as helping with the book sale setup and breakdown. Book donations are currently being accepted for the book sale. The Friends will purchase two folding tables for use at programs and fundraisers.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Apr. 30, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Minutes by Leigh Martin