**Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes**

**Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA**

**Oct. 28, 2024, 7:00 PM**

Members present: Lisa Bibring (remote), Caitriona Scott, Leigh Martin

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Minutes**

Caitriona moved to accept the Sept. 24, 2024, minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. Meeting Updates**

The trustees’ meeting took place on Oct. 10, 2024, at 6:00 PM. Leigh highlighted topics discussed, including plans to revitalize the teen programming and outreach to the homebound, fall cleanups being scheduled, asphalt work quotes, and the MURSD-library bus stop. Next meeting is Nov. 14 at 6:00 PM.

**IV. Library Updates**

The Mendon Select Board approved use of ARPA funding for a complete re-asphalting of the library parking lot to take place in the spring of 2025, including digging up the current lot, repairing the catch basin at the entrance to the lot, resurfacing all areas including the parking lot and outlet road by the rectory, re-establishing all asphalt berms for rain and runoff, restriping all parking spaces and handicapped parking spaces and adding six new spots at the back of the lot.

Fall clean-ups and gutter cleanings are currently underway at the library. The Library of Things roll-out is being planned, with a visual display of items and information on a library wall. Senior abatement workers are helping with various tasks and projects at the library. A dedication and memorial for Paula Pearlman is being planned. Students from Clough Elementary School have been visiting the library and signing up for their first library cards.

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

A Dairy Queen fundraiser took place on Tues., Oct. 22nd. Dairy Queen has not provided an amount earned yet. The Friends will suggest that Dairy Queen gift cards be considered for summer reading prizes in 2025.

Caitriona is working on creating a story trail at West Hill Dam in consultation with Ranger Viola Bramel, who is considering appropriate sites and other logistics. A staff member from BVT has expressed interest in coordinating with Caitriona on this project.

Lucille’s in Uxbridge is hosting a fall floral arranging class at their shop on November 4; this class filled up quickly. Other seasonal workshops include a holiday wreath or centerpiece class, the children’s DIY holiday craft event on Dec. 7, and a felt craft class.

Friends Financial Update: Lisa provided a financial update, and accounts are in good financial health.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

The next meeting date and time is Nov. 19th at 6 PM.

Minutes by Leigh Martin