

Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes
Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA
Oct. 25, 2022, 7:00 PM

Members present: Lisa Bibring, Caitriona Scott, Leigh Martin

Also Present: Library Director Andrew Jenrich, Children's Librarian Tara Windsor, Trustee Gaye Porciello

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Caitriona Scott.

II. Minutes

Lisa moved to accept the Sept. 26, 2022, minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Meeting Updates

Lisa attended the trustees' meeting on Oct. 13 and gave a summary of her report to the Trustees about the Friends' activities and outlined the Trustees' undertakings.

Next trustees' meeting is Nov. 2 at 6 PM. Leigh will attend.

IV. Library Updates

Andrew gave an update on library activities. Andrew is exploring getting an on-call library staffing system organized for the upcoming year. All book clubs have started again, including one at Nipmuc RHS. An afterschool book club at Miscoe Hill Middle School is being planned as well.

The Gravestone Girls presentation, a mosaic class, and a medium, Cheryl Cohen, will all be visiting the library in the next few weeks. German conversation club has been extremely popular and is experiencing robust attendance. For the holiday season, Cookies with Santa will take place via Zoom as well as in-person story times with Santa and a children's gift making workshop at the library. Dustin Pari will also be performing a holiday seasonal show for adults.

V. Town Meeting/Strategic Plan Updates

Special Town Meeting will take place at Miscoe Hill Middle School on Nov. 14 at 7:00 PM. The library will have an article on the warrant to fund 10 additional staff hours, 5 for the children's librarian and 5 for staffing. Library supporters will be contacted, encouraged to attend the meeting, and vote in support of the article.

Focus groups were held at the library and Nipmuc RHS and good evaluations and feedback were provided.

VI. Transition of Friends Responsibilities

The various online accounts and responsibilities for updating them have been successfully assumed by the current Friends members.

VII. Friends Financial Update

Lisa presented a financial update and accounts are healthy.

VIII. New Business/Upcoming Events

The fall Flower Power fundraiser netted \$63.50.

A chocolate fundraiser will run online during November and early December.

\$20 will be charged per person for the Wreath Workshop on Dec. 6.

A watercolor craft class will take place at the end of January, which will be limited to ten people.

A tea blending class by Herbs Make Scents will be offered in Feb./Mar. 2023.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Nov. 29, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Minutes by Leigh Martin