Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA Apr. 29, 2025, 7:00 PM

Members present: Caitriona Scott, Lisa Bibring, Leigh Martin Also present: Andrew Jenrich

I. Call to Order & Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Caitriona Scott.

II. Minutes

Caitriona moved to accept the Mar. 31, 2025, minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Meeting Updates

The trustees' meeting took place on Apr. 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM. Leigh and Andrew highlighted topics discussed, including the paving project, the rectory subcommittee meeting with the architects from GRLA, and the T shirts for the cardboard boat race. Next trustees' meeting is May 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

IV. Library Updates

The library will be closed for parking lot repaving from May 8-12. Library of Things items have been processed and catalogued, and social media publicity is being prepared. The Embroidery Bar has started working on the boat race t-shirt order. Some staff members took CPR training recently. Providing library services to the homebound are being discussed with the Senior Center.

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

Recent programs include a floral basket workshop on Apr. 10 and a historical re-enactment and tea on Apr. 30. All spring programs have been well attended. The trees for kids and teens giveaway program is underway with 48 participants, and black cherry trees are in the process of being distributed. The seed library is very popular this spring. The Story Trail at West Hill will not be moving forward. The annual book sale will take place June 7 from 9 AM-1 PM, and donations of books are being accepted now. Andrew will reach out to BayState book company to arrange the after-sale pickup.

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

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM. The next meeting date and time is Tues., May 27, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

Minutes by Leigh Martin