

Board of Trustees of the Taft Public Library Minutes
Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA
June 14, 2017
7:00 PM

Trustees present: Amy Fahey, Sharron Luttrell, Ellen Agro, Wayne Phipps, Leigh Martin (School Committee),

Also present: Library Director Andrew Jenrich, Children's Librarian Tara Windsor

Absent: Kelley Aubut

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Amy

II. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: on a motion to approve the May 10, 2017 meeting minutes by Leigh Martin, seconded by Ellen Agro

VOTED: Unanimous

III. Tara Windsor-Overview of Summer Reading Program

Tara spoke about the summer reading program, Build a Better World. We have online registration this year, participants can log their reading hours online. Adults who reach 20 hours get a raffle chance at one of three baskets; for every three hours kids read, they get to spin a wheel once a week for prizes. Kids get prizes for every certain number of hours they read. The online registration is free for the first few years. To go with the theme, we will be collecting for the Mendon food pantry and for Birthday Wishes program. Alex Heather will be working on his Bar Mitzvah project, which will be a kindness rock project. People will write encouraging messages on the rocks and leave them in places.

June 22 is summer reading kickoff with Science Tellers. This summer, for the first time, all of the events will be here. If it doesn't work out, will go back to using other locations next year. There were 65 or so people at the Girl Power seminar, which was held upstairs.

End of Summer reading party will be August 10. Will have life size Candy Land, pizza and an ice cream truck.

Last couple weeks of summer Andrew and Tara will be running book clubs for the summer reading.

IV. Director's report

Because the budget is higher than in the past, the book budget has increased, which means more processing to do for new materials. Staff is catching up with this with their extra hours.

The online registration for summer reading program has already cut down on paper and printing costs.

Discussion about the cleaning contract and why the town has not been taking care of shoveling, raking, etc. Steve Handley did that for us as part of his contract with us.

Andrew will talk to town about how this will get done in the future now that Steve has been replaced by a new cleaning contractor.

Now have two checkout stations upstairs and a receipt machine instead of hand-stamping the books.

The new cabinets from Zook are installed. He did very good and efficient work.

Over 20 kids showed up for the teen volunteer program. Last year was an issue with kids not showing up, so made a point this year to let them know need to stick with their commitment.

Andrew has been going to Miscoe and Tara to Clough to promote the summer reading program.

The app should be ready by the end of June.

Eagle Scout proposed putting in a repurposed metal storage container for a shed.

We would have to pay for the shed and we do not have the budget. Andrew will let him know we don't have that within our budget.

We're still waiting for the parking lot to be lined. Amy will email Kevin about whether he knows when his friend will be available to do this.

We received the Roving Archivist grant. The roving archivist will come here and recommend what should be digitized.

V. Budget report

Andrew presented the budget report.

VI. Library advocacy

Amy will send everybody the link to be updated on what's happening legislatively.

Amy suggested we look into what it will cost to renovate the rectory. The fear is that it will deteriorate if the town doesn't do anything about it. Andrew says he'll poll the staff and Friends to see what they want to do with it.

Amy will talk with Kim about what she's thinking.

Amy offered to write a letter to the editor to thank all of the people who have donated their time to the library, like Don Morin and Leesa Michaels. Andrew will create a list of people to acknowledge and send it to Amy.

VIII. Board positions

MOTION: on a motion by Ellen to nominate Sharron to be the secretary of the trustees, seconded by Leigh.

VOTED: Unanimous

MOTION: On a motion by Leigh to nominate Ellen to be chair of the trustees, seconded by Amy

VOTED: Unanimous

MOTION: On a motion by Leigh to nominate Amy to be vice chair of the trustees, seconded by Ellen

VOTED: Unanimous

IX. Updates and Announcements

Next meeting July 12 at 7 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: On a motion of Leigh to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wayne

VOTED: Unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.