

Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes
Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA
Sept. 24, 2024, 7:00 PM

Members present: Lisa Bibring, Caitriona Scott, Leigh Martin

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Caitriona Scott.

II. Minutes

Caitriona moved to accept the July 2, 2024, minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Meeting Updates

The trustees' meeting took place on Sept. 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM. Andrew and Leigh highlighted topics discussed, including the legislative earmark going through, sign repair, asphalt work quotes, and the new MURSD-library bus stop. Next meeting is Oct. 10 at 6:00 PM.

IV. Library Updates

Asphalt contractors have provided quotes for paving, repairing, and adding parking spots to the library parking lot. The paving for now is being reduced to sealing the driveway and fixing depressions and cracks. The library sign has been repainted and fixed. A fall cleanup is scheduled with a local landscaper. Andrew is completing state reports which will be submitted soon. The Library of Things roll-out is being planned, with a visual display of items and information on a library wall. Two senior abatement workers are helping with various tasks and projects at the library. The Mango languages learning app, featuring general, kids, and ASL offerings, is available on the library website.

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

A Dairy Queen fundraiser is potentially scheduled for Tues., Oct. 22nd.

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.

Lucille's in Uxbridge may provide a fall floral arranging class at their shop in November, specific date to be determined. Seasonal workshops may also include a ZenTangle class in February, a holiday wreath class, and a children's DIY holiday craft event.

The Cardboard Boat Race raffle made \$50.

Library Requests: Friends typically cover the gift cards for summer reading. Tara will be requesting \$1000 for programming and gift cards for next summer (2025). Replacing the lights in the children's area is an ongoing issue; replacing them will cost \$2090.00. The Friends will pay for them out of the Relocation Fund.

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

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

The next meeting date and time is Oct. 28th at 7 PM.

Minutes by Leigh Martin