

Friends of the Taft Public Library Minutes
Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA
July 2, 2024, 7:00 PM

Members present: Lisa Bibring, Caitriona Scott, Leigh Martin

Also present: Library Director Andrew Jenrich

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Caitriona Scott.

II. Minutes

Caitriona moved to accept the May 28, 2024, minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Meeting Updates

The trustees' meeting took place on June 13, 2024, at 6:00 PM. Leigh highlighted topics discussed, including the removal of the carriage house, the lack of library website progress, feasibility study earmark, and updating of job descriptions. Next meeting is Aug. 8 at 5:30 PM.

IV. Library Updates

The library recently added the Mango languages database to its collection. Summer reading recently started, and the events have been well-attended so far. The Cardboard Boat Race will be held on July 9 at the town beach. The Friends will have a table at the boat race and run a 50/50 raffle.

The Library of Things is almost complete, and items are nearly ready to circulate.

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

The annual Book Sale happened on June 8 and was very successful. The Scout volunteers were a big help with set up and cleanup, and Bay State book collection picked up the remaining books on June 10. The teachers were very happy with the books donated to the schools as well. The aloe plant fundraiser is nearly sold out. 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. Lisa provided a financial update, and accounts are in good financial health.

A Dairy Queen fundraiser is being considered for the near future. Fall workshops may also include a ZenTangle class and floral arts programming.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

The next meeting date and time is Sept. 24th at 7 PM.