

Board of Trustees of the Taft Public Library Minutes
Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA
Wednesday, March 11, 2015
5:00 PM

Trustees present: Bob Carlson, Susan Darnell, Amy Fahey, Sharron Luttrell, Leigh Martin (School Committee), Jane Blackwood

Also present: Library Director Andrew Jenrich and Friends President Gabrielle Porciello

I Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 PM by Susan Darnell

II Approval of Minutes

January, 2014 Minutes

MOTION: On a motion of Leigh Martin to approve the January 2015 minutes, seconded by Sharron Luttrell

VOTED: Unanimous

III. Friends Update

- Gabrielle gave the update. Going forward, one Friends member will try to attend each meeting of the trustees.
- The Friends will host an open house on March 28 from 3-5 p.m., at the Blessing Barn. There will be a check presentation from Kevin Rudden at 4 p.m.
- The Friends will waive the 2015 membership fee for and ask members to volunteer their time or donate to the new library fundraising effort.
- So far, donations for naming rights total about \$20,000.
- Other fundraising plans include a Memorial Day bake sale, used book sale in June, cow chip bingo and a brew fest in the fall. Amy suggested coordinating the book sale with the Strawberry festival or the town-wide yard sale.

IV. Building Committee Report

The committee recently learned that in November, the state cut the \$50,000 in funding for the library windows. We are ready to go out to bid but can't do so if we lack the funds. The decision was made to use a contingency fund and hope the bids come in low. There has been effort to pursue community relations funds from businesses.

V. Naming Rights for New Library

Susan was asked by one of the selectmen to name something in the new library for Art Holmes, who was a supporter of the new library. She proposed also honoring John Gannett, who purchased 30 acres to give to the regional library.

Amy suggested checking with Mr. Gannett and Mrs. Holmes for approval to name the community room for Mr. Holmes and lobby for Mr. Gannett.

Jane will check with Mrs. Holmes.

Susan will check with Mr. Gannett.

VI. Fundraising

Jane says Colleen of Mendon Greenhouse is asking customers and others if they would like to show their gardens in the garden tour mid to late July. She will sell tickets at the greenhouse. Four or five gardens will be featured and the charge for the tours will be \$20.

We will need maps and will ask homeowners to write brief descriptions of their gardens.

Jane suggested talking with Tara about doing a garden-oriented children's activity around that time.

Decided to table the idea of art tile fundraising for the children's area until the library is up and running.

VII Director's Report

The presentation to Fincom went well. Will create a budget that assumes the last third of the year will be in the new building.

Andrew met with the Collins Center representative, who is doing study on salaries. Andrew gave her a copy of the library technician job description, which wasn't included in the job descriptions that the town gave to her.

Andrew will take money out of state aid to cover the time for the next staff meeting. MIAA did its annual inspection. They saw the leak in the hallway, which is coming from the cupola.

190 kids and adults attended February programs.

Beginning Years is doing a Messy Kids Science program. It's popular.

Andrew will be at the career fair at Miscoe.

Received first installment of state aid, which was \$3,000. We'll have a little over \$6,000 in state aid if all goes as planned.

Andrew spoke with the paranormal investigation group S.P.I.R.I.T.S. of New England and has arranged with them to conduct investigations of a few sites in Mendon. We need to find two to three sites for the group to investigate.

We may make \$800 to \$1,000 by selling tickets to the group's presentation, which will be held in August or September.

IV Budget Review

Andrew presented the monthly budget, salary, and State Aid reports.

IX Amy Fahey, who will be taking over as chair of the trustees because Susan Darnell will be moving out of state, spoke for the entire board when she thanked Susan for her many years of service and her invaluable contributions to the town of Mendon.

X. Future Agenda Items

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 7:00 PM at the Taft Public Library.

X Adjournment

Approved 5/13/15

MOTION: On a motion of Bob Carlson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Susan Darnell

VOTED: Unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Minutes by Sharron Luttrell