

FRIENDS OF TUCKER FREE LIBRARY
BOARD MINUTES
Regular (Virtual) Minutes – Saturday, March 11, 2023

Board Members Present: Naomi Praul, Gwen Airgood, Sylvia Lennox, Michele McMurphy
Also Present: Lynn Piotrowicz – Library Director
Anne Crotti – Trustee Liaison
Mary Corsetti signed in about 8:10 due to updating of Zoom
Absent: Rob Reno

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 8:12am

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes accepted with one change
Rob Reno was not present on February 11, 2023

TREASURER'S REPORT: Citizen's Account: \$8,307.46 PayPal Account: \$307.80
* Gwen requested that tflfriends1904@gmail.com email be used instead of her yahoo account
* Gwen received a new ATM card for Friends to use in future
* State of NH Annual Report for 2022 has been filed

TRUSTEES REPORT: Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023
* spent time preparing for Town Meeting
* Joe Petrick will speak for TFL at town meeting
* meeting with SMP on Wednesday, March 29 at 3:00 to brainstorm accessibility issues
Will schedule next Trustees Meeting after Town Meeting

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SUMMER PROGRAMS

- * staff busy finalizing plans for summer programming
- * Promotion event for Summer Program will be Friday, June 23 at 6:30
- * Performance by magician, Jason Purdy, at the Gazebo
- * Will move to Community Center if it rains
- * Naomi will coordinate signing the town rental agreement
- * Lynn suggested seeking community sponsorships

Lynn will ask Rotary; Michele will check with PTA; Gwen will reach out to the Lions

CHILDREN: “Together We Can”

- * Wednesday morning Story Time but no Thursday afternoon program
- * Hope to have 3-4 Story Walks by coordinating with other local libraries
- * Nattanan has plans for 3 themed take-home kits for Community Market
handout

ADULTS: “Summer's Not Just For Kids Anymore”

- * Have weekly drawings
- * Maybe simplify the Bingo Game
- * Discussed creating word searches or games
- adults could take home or print from website

- submit for prizes after a specified time period
- * Nattanan interested in teaching a watercolor class this summer
 - she would like to have a practice run during April vacation
- * Lynn scheduled a needle felting class for July
- * Lynn is looking to secure an instructor for a flower arranging class

HAPPINESS PROJECT: Sylvia asked about it and Lynn will look into it

HUMANITIES PROGRAMS: new programs are out and Lynn agreed to review them

PATRONS AND PROGRAMS

- * there was a decline in use during February
 - * 23 new patrons joined TFL
 - * Anne asked if new residents are receiving in their packets
 - Town Clerk informs Lynn of new residents
 - Lynn sends a letter and brochure to welcome them to town and invite them to come in and check out the library
 - * TFL offered 60 programs in 2022
 - * TFL has completed 40 programs as of March 11, 2023
- Library has purchased a new mahjong set. Friends will reimburse
Staff will begin taking time off after Town Meeting

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

- * there has been a flurry of memberships- mostly renewals
- * most new memberships came from program attendees
- * Lynn has donations for the Friends
- * Friends are low on “Thank You” cards so Lynn will order 250

HENNIKER COMMUNITY MARKET:

- * Decided to attend 4 times for 2023; Naomi will schedule them with Monica
- * First one is June 15 to promote Jason Purdy on the 23rd
- * will set up shifts this year
 - Michele suggested 1 and a half hour shifts
 - Sylvia suggested 2-hour shifts with some overlap
 - Naomi suggested a set-up crew and a take-down crew
- * Naomi said people seem to really like the give-aways
 - Sylvia suggested take-home craft kits for the children
 - Another suggestion was word puzzles for the adults

Next Friends Meeting will be via Zoom on April 15, 2023 at 8:00am.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:04