

FRIENDS OF TUCKER FREE LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Regular (Virtual) Meeting: Saturday, August 19, 2023

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Naomi Praul, Gwen Airgood, Mary Corsetti, Michele McMurphy
Also Present: Lynn Piotrowicz – Library Director
Late Arrival: Anne Crotti at 8:10am
Absent: Sylvia Lennox, Rob Reno

CALL TO ORDER: 8:02am

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- *Correction- Intervale Pancake House donated 2 Gift Certificates
- *Minutes accepted as amended

TREASURER'S REPORT: Citizen's Account: \$8,404.51 PayPal Account: \$210. 70

- *Gwen inquired if State of NH had classes to help with filling out forms
-the State does and Gwen will check it out this winter

TRUSTEES REPORT: (Meeting was Friday, August 18, 2023)

- *long, focused meeting dealing with many issues
 - security cameras, accessibility, funding, library projects, budget
 - the larger project has been tabled due to excessive costs

Next Trustees Meeting will be Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 3:30pm.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- *Lynn and staff are busy planning fall and winter programs
- * Lynn is working with staff to aid patrons who cannot access TFL
 - picking out and delivering books to their homes
 - teaching them how to use the Libby App
- *J-Room
 - Erin is reorganizing by collections which is easier for young patrons
 - Jim Airgood has agreed to design and build a new circulation desk
- * Audio and DVD Collections have been updated and reorganized
- * Security and Safety
 - present security system is old and needs to be upgraded
 - there is also a lot of dead space in the building
 - perhaps adding health-safety services
- * Friends Book Sale for Changing Table
 - collected \$140 so far
 - Michele said that TFL can apply for a Rotary Grant to help fund the changing table
- * September Newsletter will be released on August 26
 - have over 700 subscribers

SUNDAYS AT THE LIBRARY:

- * Reviewing Humanities Programs for Sundays
 - one example “Town by Town – Watershed by Watershed”
 - Marek Bennett to present his new book Comics in World History and Culture
- * Painting class with Statia
- * Arts and Crafts
 - a lot of dads helped their children at one of the last craft sessions
 - perhaps present more dad-oriented crafts or projects

ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS:

- * State Library is loaning TFL a portable kitchen in January and February
 - perhaps a local chef could present a cooking demonstration
- * Mini Golf Program on Saturday or Sunday
 - set up inside; cost of \$475 for 9 holes
- * Talent Show
- * Teddy Bear Picnic

HAPPINESS PROJECT:

- *TFL is no longer pursuing this program
 - majority of the organizing work would have been Lynn's responsibility
 - TFL and Friends are already doing many of the community based ideas

FARMERS MARKETS:

- * Some possible interest in Humanities Programs and the book sale
- * Some interest in presenting a program
- * Passed out a total of 15 craft kits
- * Connected with some NEC students

Last Farmers Market for Friends will be Thursday, September 7, 2023.

RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS:

- * Desire to return despite convenience of Zoom meetings
 - perhaps a breakfast meeting or early morning in the library
 - perhaps meet bi-monthly or quarterly
- * Definitely no hybrid meetings

Next Friends Meeting will be via Zoom on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:15am