

FRIENDS of TUCKER FREE LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING, MINUTES
Regular [virtual] meeting; Saturday, October 23, 2021; 8:00am

ATTENDANCE:

- PRESENT:
 - Board members present: Sylvia Lennox; Rob Reno; Naomi Praul; Mary Corsetti; Gwen Airgood
 - Other, present: Lynn Piotrowicz, Library Director; Anne Crotti, Trustee Liason;

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00am

REPORTS:

- SECRETARY'S REPORT:
 - Previous Board minutes (9/26/2021) reviewed and accepted with the following exceptions:
 - 'September' has no "w"
 - Ellen Chase-Lucard has no "k"
 - In Trustees' report, 'NHTLA' was erroneously referred to as 'NHLA'
- TREASURER'S REPORT:
 - (Gwen) reported that the FTFL checking balance is currently \$3,972.03
 - In addition, 60.00 in undeposited funds are on hand.
 - A thank you note for the latter amount needs sending. Gwen will email info for that purpose to Naomi.
- LIBRARY, TRUSTEES REPORT (Lynn):
 - Trustees meet next Friday at 8am, 10/29, to discuss 2022 planning including Town Meeting strategy.
 - On November 4, the Town 'Citizens Academy' visit will be at the TFL, in which instance 'some' of the attendees are expected to be Budget Committee members.
 - It is noted that the library building project, though not active in the immediate sense, is still on the table as a long term planning initiative.
 - It was noted that the TFL Trustees regularly send their meeting reports to the Selectmen.
 - The possibility was discussed of a strategy session among Library stakeholders, for purposes of crafting a narrative promoting Library services and interests prior to and at Town Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ANNUAL MEETING
 - Date and time are set – Sunday, November 14, 2:00pm, by Zoom.
 - FTFL board members will connect early, at 1:45, for last minute coordination
 - Meeting Notice: Lynn will send notice with agenda to FTFL email list:
 - Rudimentary Agenda:
 - Elect board members for 2022 (Anne)
 - Acceptance of Bylaws changes as approved by the Board (Rob)
 - Treasurer's report (Gwen)
 - Annual report (Naomi)
 - (For reference purposes, Rob will include with these minutes last year's Annual Meeting minutes)
 - 2022 Board nomination process discussed:

- Search for new Secretary has not yielded any candidates; Rob agreed to continue in that position
- It was agreed that ongoing outreach to Friends' members and others to build interest in participation will be beneficial. To that point the previously discussed topic of developing an armature of 'Task Force' categories was discussed as opportune for future meeting agendas.
- **NOMINATIONS**
 - It was agreed that the 2022 Board nominations will be the same slate and positions as 2021, to be presented, as last year, as a unified slate to the FTFL membership attending the Annual Meeting:
 - Chair; Naomi Praul
 - Vice Chair; Sylvia Lennox
 - Treasurer; Gwen Airgood
 - Secretary; Rob Reno
 - (Emeritus) past chair; Mary Corsetti

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **TASK FORCES / COMMITTEES**
 - Discussed briefly; agreed to further pursue at upcoming meeting
 - Holiday decorating, 2021 and annual?
 - Tuesday Music Concert presence, 2022?
 - (Gwen) role in Lions Club Christmas tree bonfire in March?
 - Farmers' Market, 2022 season?
 - Others???
- **DEBRIEF NHLTA AWARD PRESENTATION**
 - The event was highly successful; good attendance, consisting of TFL Trustees, library Friends, staff, and others, along with significant others. The venue, food and ceremonies all worked out very well.
 - Thank you notices; Anne and Naomi will send notes to Marsha at NHLTA, and to Jeff at Colby Hill Inn.
 - On a related topic, Naomi noted emails from a 'national friends of libraries' group operating under the 'United for Libraries umbrella'. FTFL members are receiving emails. The idea of looking into this group was discussed briefly.
- **INQUIRY (Lynn)**
 - Lynn reported outreach from the 'Nubiscotic (?) Consortium of Libraries' (Marlborough, NH area), requesting that emissaries from the FTFL meet with them for networking purposes, possibly by zoom meeting. Lynn will get back to them expressing affirmative interest, to be discussed at future meeting.
- **2022 SUNDAY PROGRAMS**
 - Discussion about 2022 NH Humanities programs, and other possible Sunday program opportunities; general agreement that a 'good fit' would be approx. 5 Sunday programs, approx. every 3 weeks, between January and April, and announced all together as a seasonal program series. To be discussed in particular and program content specifics decided at next regular meeting.
- **CHRISTMAS DECORATING [ad-hoc] TASK FORCE**
 - Discussion about Library decoration for 2021 Christmas season, per the successful 'template' from last year. A target date to mobilize that work was set for November 27, with a backup date of December 4. Several Board Members volunteered participation, and Library staff may be available; some materials are on hand from last year. (Naomi agreed to send out email).

NEXT MEETING DATE(s):

- Next regular FTFL board meeting: Saturday, November 20, 2021 via Zoom; 8:00am
- (Next Trustees meeting, Friday, October 29, 8am)

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned, 9:40am
SUBMITTED BY / DATE: Rob Reno, 10/26/2021