

FRIENDS OF TUCKER FREE LIBRARY
BOARD MINUTES
Regular (Virtual) Meeting Saturday, October 15, 2022

Board Members Present: Naomi Praul, Gwen Airgood, Mary Corsetti, Rob Reno,
Michele McMurphy-- Guest
Lynn Piotrowicz – Library Director
Absent: Sylvia Lennox;
Anne Crotti – Trustee Liaison

CALL TO ORDER: 8:01am

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Question of Sylvia's arrival time at last meeting; time was confirmed
Minutes accepted

TREASURER'S REPORT: PayPal Account – \$220.89; Citizen's Account – \$5,909.07
Gwen is preparing information for Annual Meeting on November 13

WELCOME to Michele McMurphy who is joining the Friends Board.

- is a reading specialist at Henniker Community School
- is a patron of the library and always brought her children to library programs
- likes the literacy connection between her profession and the library
- participated in garden clean-up with Friends

TRUSTEES' REPORT (by Lynn Piotrowicz): Trustees met on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

- working on library budget
- some discussion regarding letter about library that was sent to selectboard
- Lynn is gathering information to answer future questions regarding library funds
- November 12- Budget Advisory Meeting; rapid presentations of highs and lows
- early December- chance to stand up for budget
- Trustees will reach out to library supporters
- mid January- listen to Capital Improvement and Budget Advisory Committees
- January or February- anyone can speak for or against budgets
- March 11- Town Meeting

Next Trustees Meeting is Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 5:00pm.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

GRATITUDE PROJECT:

- free on-line tablet; allowed to set up 3 tablets per year
- during month of November patrons can express their gratitude for library
- Rob asked if it was easy to manage
- Lynn said it automatically switches an offensive word to an opposite emoji
- Michele said it is important to also receive constructive criticism

- Naomi said it was easy to post a comment and to edit the post if needed
- Gwen said it was easy to use on her phone
- Rob made the motion for Friends to support the Gratitude Project
 - Friends voted to cover the purchase of 4inX6in Gratitude Forms
 - completed forms will be posted in the vestibule
- Jon Routon working with Jim Airgood to design a new circulation desk for J-Room

LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

- WEEKDAYS: – patrons are participating in various programs and activities
- Preschool Story Time, Graphic Novel Book Club, Foodie Book Club, Saturday Morning Book Group, Page Turners Book Group
 - Sewing Club, Arts and Crafts Projects

SUNDAYS AT THE LIBRARY: programs are scheduled through the end of February

- openings for Needle Felting Project filled
- Bee Wary, Mr. Aaron, history of Joni Mitchel, animal adventures
- community members coming forward with program ideas
- **November 13: “How to Be An Animal Adventurer” by Susie Spikel**
 - from Harris Center for Conservation and Education
 - she is a naturalist and the author of The Animal Adventures Guide
 - program to follow Friends Annual Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 2:00pm

- regretfully, health issues prevent Rob from continuing as secretary
- he will remain on the board as a Member-at-Large
- after discussion the following slate was accepted
 - Chair: Naomi Praul
 - Vice Chair: Michele McMurphy
 - Secretary: Mary Corsetti
 - Treasurer: Gwen Airgood
 - Past Chair: Sylvia Lennox
 - Member-at-Large: Rob Reno
- this slate will be publicized the week before the Annual Meeting
- **“How to Be An Animal Adventurer” by Susie Spikel immediately follows the meeting.**

LIBRARY DECORATING:

- Friends will meet Saturday, **December 3, 2022 at 9:00am** to decorate
- maybe choose a new light color for the lamp posts

NEXT Friends meeting will be via Zoom on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 8:00am.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:37am