

FRIENDS OF TUCKER FREE LIBRARY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Regular (Virtual) Meeting: Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 8:00am

ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER: 8:03am

SECRETARY'S REPORT: minutes were reviewed and accepted

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- \$6126.78 in accounts
- ready to file state and federal form together

TRUSTEES' REPORT (via Lynn):

- improvement projects are starting--
  - replacement of windows and two doors with push button for handicapped emergency door for J-Room
- Moose Grant work will require closing off the front entrance; back entrance will be open
- Elevator Update-- would need 7 variances
  - there is a height problem
  - structural system would only handle 450 pounds not full capacity of 550-560 pounds
  - Garaventa never responded to requests for information
- TFL will document due diligence to the town and seek out options
  - impossible to determine how much the lift is used and many patrons do not come to the library because they refuse to use the lift

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- more patrons are coming to the library
- checkouts have increased from 4,000 books to 6,000 books over last year
- letters have been sent out to new residents
- new library cards continue to be issued
- beginning inside story hours
- HCS Student Council Fundraiser on front lawn May 23, 24, 25
  - sell books and donate proceeds to Tucker Free Library

- Staff:
- new staff are great and doing well; there is a lot of energy and excitement
  - Rose worked with Lynn for coordination and consistency of messages on all media
  - new subs are Lucie Swain and Karin Carr
  - Lynn is preparing to hire 2 summer pages

SUMMER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES: – June 21 to July31

- Erin has funds for the Token Program but may need funding for supplies
- Nattanan has ideas for some more difficult crafts
- Rose has set up Adult Bingo Raffles to run for 6 weeks
  - \$25 prize to winner each week if one line is filled
  - \$50 Grand Prize to winner if entire bingo card is completed
  - Friends agreed to fund \$200 for the Bingo Raffles
  - Reggie Lewis Performance- Tuesday, June 28 at 10:00am in the NH Room
    - open to public with focus for Grades 3-6
    - Friends will promote Summer Programs and memberships

NEW BUSINESS:

CANOPY PROGRAM

- in 2008 the Friends helped launch NH Down-loadable
- Lynn asked Friends to consider the Canopy and Canopy Kids Programs in Fall 2022
- more people are streaming movies and not coming to the library to borrow movies
- these videos can now be used on big screen televisions
- only charged for the videos that are used
  - predetermine number of tokens per adult per month
    - whole season of Downton Abby is for 72 hours
    - Great Courses is whole unit for 1 token
    - super users could be allowed to receive 2 free movies per month
  - Canopy Kids- whole month is free if child views 1 movie
- Lynn and Rose will continue research
- maybe have Rose present information to Friends at a meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

FARMERS MARKETS: Thursdays 4-7pm

- begin May 26
  - people not responding to volunteer sign-ups
  - will try to come up with a more visible messaging
- TFL and Friends will set up a table for **May 26 with rain date of June 2**
  - Lynn will prepare information for library programs
  - Sylvia will hand out swag and talk up the Friends
    - Mary said she could also be present if needed
  - next set-up will be **June 9 with rain date of June 16**

TUESDAY EVENING CONCERTS: 6:30-8:30pm

- Friends sponsoring Reggie Harris on June 28
  - in case of rain performance will be in the Community Center
- Friends will put up signs and hand out swag
  - provide information on Friends and the Summer Programs

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:54AM

Next Friends Meeting will be via Zoom on **June 18 at 8:00am**