

FRIENDS OF TUCKER FREE LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Regular (Virtual) Meeting Saturday, September 17, 2022

Board Members Present: Naomi Praul, Gwen Airgood, Mary Corsetti, Rob Reno
Sylvia Lennox joined at 9:07
Lynn Piotrowicz – Library Director
Anne Crotti – Trustee Liaison
Anne left meeting at 8:45

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00AM

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Change date of Farmer's Market attendance from October 5 to October 6
Minutes accepted with date change

TREASURER'S REPORT: PayPal Account – \$220.89; Citizen's Account – \$5,909.07
– Gwen confirmed her e-mail and Naomi's e-mail with PayPal
– Naomi has not been receiving updates; hopefully this will solve the issue

TRUSTEES REPORT: Trustees met on Wednesday, September 14, 2022

- discussed ending of summer programs and beginning of fall programs
- main discussion was the budget
 - they have been working with selectmen
- there was no discussion regarding the Garaventa
- staff is having issues with some students in the library after school
 - Lynn informed students they needed signed permission slips to use computers in library
 - she spoke with Principal Colby
 - problem students have not returned since
- Anne informed us that Lynn did not win the Librarian of the Year Award

Next Trustees Meeting is Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 5:00pm.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Lynn received notice from Fidelity Charitable Trust that TFL received \$100 from an unknown donor through the Donor Advisor Fund
 - first weekend programs were well received and attended
 - more patrons are coming to the library
- Summer Reading Program Tokens
- Gwen will send reimbursement checks to following businesses
 - Abbie's– 6; Western Ave– 5; Sonny's– 18; Pharmacy– 26
 - each token is redeemed for a specific treat worth \$1.50
 - a few were charged an additional fee at the pharmacy
 - Friends agreed to increase the worth of the token to \$2.00

Program Survey Results

- good responses to survey
- some people offered free programs based on their interests
- others would need a fee to offset the cost of materials
- suggestions included morning coffees, a foodie group
Lego challenges, graphic novel and gaming clubs,
Cricut training, needle felting, and block painting

Implementation of Programs:

- passive programs would not require funds
- active programs need money for fees and speakers
- no budget money for these programs
- opportunity for Friends to seek members by supporting programs
 - Friends agreed to provide \$1000 to the director to use at her discretion
 - Lynn would submit receipts and could request additional monies if needed
- Family Program Ideas:
 - Mr Aaron
 - outdoor animals
- Bee Wary Program
 - town resident who is an author and is known as Bumble Bee Lady
 - town resident to talk about a pollinator garden
 - a speaker talking about bee hives
 - suggested to contact who makes bees wax candles

Fall Library Garden Clean-up:

- Saturday, October 8 from 9 – 11am
- ask volunteers to bring gloves and garden tools and join Friends
- library will supply coffee and doughnuts

Zoom Subscription:

- present subscription expires mid-January
- fee is \$149.90
- Friends tabled discussion and will decide at a later date

FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING:

- plan for a Sunday afternoon before a Sunday family program: possibly November 13 or 20
- Lynn already has work commitment on 13th so that works well for her
 - she will check out a family outdoor program
 - might attract people especially younger parents
 - possibly encourage other patrons to attend
 - Lynn will send out copies of past invitations for us to consider

Next Friends Meeting will be via Zoom on Saturday, October15, 2022 at 8:00am.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:19am