

FRIENDS OF TUCKER FREE LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: Naomi Praul, Mary Corsetti, Sylvia Lennox
Absent: Gwen Airgood
Member-at-Large - Karol Dermon
Also Present: Lynn Piotrowicz – Library Director
Anne Crotti – Trustee Liaison

CALL TO ORDER: 8:31 am

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Accepted with date correction (2024 instead of 2025)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gwen was not present to provide this information

TRUSTEES REPORT: Trustees have not met since the last Friends Meeting

Next Trustees Meeting is Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 3:30 pm.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- *Henniker PTA is sponsoring Henniker A-Glow on December 14, 2024
 - seeking participants, volunteers, and cash donations
 - Friends agreed to provide a \$100 cash donation
- * Holidays at TFL
 - Holiday Hours: closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1
 - Holiday Decorations: new wreaths need to be purchased if Friends plan to decorate
- * no news regarding Merrimack County Grant
- *Painting at TFL
 - the walls of the lobby and NH and Community Rooms have been painted
 - the ceilings also been painted or touched up
 - book shelves have been moved
 - books are in the process of being moved and re-organized
- * Youth Activities
 - Nattanan's Pokemon Club is popular and well attended
 - Nattanan and Shawn discuss healthy eating through the game
 - Nattanan and Erin are planning daily activities during February vacation week

BUDGET PLANNING

- *town moving away from one big meeting with everyone
 - only the big budget will occur on a Saturday
 - smaller budgets will be discussed by appointment with selectmen
- *NH Audible
 - \$800 dollar increase in NH Down-loadable
 - purchasing fewer acquisitions so budget stays about the same

COMMUNITY ROOM

- setting up a coffee bar in honor of Janine Bates
- purchasing a water cooler most likely for downstairs for children to use

*ART GALLERY

- purchased 4 hanging system sets (allows 24 items to be displayed)
- 5 people have committed to display in November-December event
- prices and contact information will be responsibility of each artist
- art will be displayed until December 21, 2024
- February/March Theme: a pandemic art retrospective

*ACTIVITIES

- Mah Jong competition was successful; 20 people attended
- planning another for late spring or early summer; hoping for 24-28 players
- 4 patrons showed up to learn to play canasta; hoping to start a group this winter
- meeting area for four book groups

FRONT YARD PROJECT

- *discussed Rob's plan with three contractors and two seem excited
 - one quote received and one quote in progress
- *would choose a design group so all features coordinate
- *desire curved bean shape halfway to sidewalk if Trustees agree
- *Friends would purchase single item with a plaque honoring Rob
 - possibly sell different features

Next Friends Meeting will be Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 8:00 am.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:43 am