

Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library

January 9, 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Mary Ann Taylor, Janis Giles, Liz Robinson, Nancy Cohen, Lauren Chappell, Diane Giarrusso, Nicole Goolishian, Joanne Toppin, Maureen Castiglione, Rachael Schauer, Julie Naughton

Acceptance of Minutes: Motion was made by Nancy Cohen and seconded by Joanne Toppin.

Treasurer's Report: (Highlights)

- In 2023, Friends received a grant from 100 People who Care in the amount of \$10,000. It was a one-time windfall. 2024's totals seem lower because of that.
- 2024 Countdown to Christmas earned \$1,300 in 2023 and \$1,500 in 2024.
- Blind Date with a Book (new fundraiser) raised \$350 in 2024. It will be continued in 2025.
- Gross Profit in 2023 was \$66,189. Gross Profit in 2024 was \$60,481. Considering that 2024 did not have a \$10,000 grant, we did quite well fundraising.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Nancy Cohen and seconded by Maureen Castiglione.

Director's Report:

TPL made a request in writing for funding for 2025. After thanking the Friends for their hard work, some details of that request were shared at the meeting.

- Request for 2025 is for \$28,900, an increase of \$3,400 over 2024.
- An increase was requested for Youth and Teen Programs to allow for more outside programming (hired performers, etc.)
- The 20's and 30's Programs have become very popular.
- A decrease in funding is requested for Adult Programming.
- \$0 is requested for Virtual Programming. Contacts made over the years allow for more cooperation at lower cost

The Friends Executive Board met prior to the general meeting and voted to provide funding as requested. After asking for comments, that decision held. Friends will provide \$28,900 to the Tewksbury Public Library for 2025 programs.

Joanne Toppin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Maureen Castiglione.