

## Meeting Minutes: Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library

<b>Date:</b> Wednesday, October 2, 2024	<b>Time:</b> 7:00 PM	<b>Location:</b> Tewksbury Public Library meeting room
<b>Attendees:</b> Mary Ann Taylor, Lauren Chappell, Liz Robinson, Janis Giles, Diane Giarrusso, Rose O'Neil, Jan Sutton, Maureen Castiglione, Jessica Rauseo		

<b>Agenda Items</b>
<b>Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mary Ann Taylor.</b>
<b>Prior Meeting Minutes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion to approve minutes by Janis Giles. Seconded by Rose O'Neil. Approved.</li></ul>
<b>Treasurer's Report: Presented by treasurer, Janis Giles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Income and expenses for September are pretty straightforward. Currently the Friends are operating at a slight deficit.</li><li>• Motion to approve report by Rose O'Neil. Seconded by Maureen Castiglione. Approved.</li></ul>
<b>Director's Report: Presented by Diane Giarrusso</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4<sup>th</sup> annual Reading Rivals with Wilmington begins October 15<sup>th</sup>. Reading of any kind counts!!</li><li>• October 20<sup>th</sup> – Fall-O-Ween at Town Hall</li><li>• New program for teens – ‘100 Books Before Graduation’</li><li>• Chess Wizards pushed back to October 15<sup>th</sup>. Need 10 participants.</li></ul>
<b>Trustee's Report: Presented by Jessica Rauseo</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diane presented long range plan draft.</li><li>• Hope to meet on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.</li></ul>
<b>Old Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bowl-a-thon cancelled due to lack of interest. Got \$300 deposit back in gift cards.</li><li>• Book donation drive very successful. Thank you to Nancy B., Joanne T. and Barbara V. Overstock given to Tewksbury Hospital. Nicole took 5 books for the Livingston Free Library.</li><li>• Sunday, October 20 (1:00-4:00 p.m.) – Fall-O-Ween at the Town Hall. Friends will be distributing candy to children and informational cards to adults. Held rain or shine. <b>Volunteers needed. Sign up on sign-up genius.</b></li><li>• Self Defense Institute Promotion – Friends receive \$30 for every new student who signs up as a result of this promotion this fall. Demonstration at library on Monday, October 10 at 5:30 p.m.</li><li>• Dine-outs – No response from Brother's Sports Bar &amp; Grille. Will reach out to Kyoto's and Three Amigos.</li></ul>

**New Business:**

- ‘Blind Date with a Book’ – Gently used wrapped books (from the Book Donation Drive) available for sale for \$5.00. Include genre, Goodreads rating, line from the book and snack. Maureen suggested a group of people get together to wrap 20 books as a start.
- MaryAnn working with Robert to identify in-person events with high number of attendees and have the Friends in attendance to increase awareness and hopefully receive some donations.
- Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – Book Donation Drive
- Countdown to Christmas Raffle – Will decide the start date for ticket sales in November. Gift card donations accepted now.
- In-person meetings for the rest of the year. Zoom meetings will begin in January, though January’s meeting will be the second Wednesday of the month due to New Year’s Day.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Monday, October 10, 2024 (5:30 p.m.) – Self Defense Institute demonstration at library
- Sunday, October 20, 2024 (1:00-4:00 p.m.) – Fall-O-Ween at the Town Hall. Volunteers needed.
- Saturday, November 9, 2024 (9:30-12:30) – Book Donation Drive

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Sunday, October 20, 2024 – Fall-O-Ween at the Town Hall. Sign up on sign-up genius.
- Donate gift card of \$10 or more for Countdown to Christmas.

Motion to adjourn made by Jan Sutton. Seconded by Maureen Castiglione. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the library.**

Submitted by Elizabeth Robinson, Vice President for Nancy Cohen, Recording Secretary