

**TPL Draft Board Minutes Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 5:00pm**

<b>Officers</b>	<b>Board and Others</b>	<b>Board and Others</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janet Bosworth-Pres	<input type="checkbox"/> Patricia Carter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janet Dwelley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Hamlin-Sec	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marie Finnegan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Carty
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caroline Ward-Nesbit-Dir	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia (Trish) Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Giese
<input type="checkbox"/> Carrie Brezzo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harold Willey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mariellen Eaton
<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Barstow		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Time IN 5:01 pm</b>	<b>Time OUT: 5:40 pm</b>	<b>Results / Action</b>
<b>Discussion – Both in person and Zoom meeting</b>		<b>Follow Up</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint meeting with the Friends of the TPL</li> <li>• <b>Changes</b> to the Agenda: - NNTR (Nothing New to Report)</li> <li>• <b>Approve</b> September 6<sup>th</sup> Minutes – Admin</li> <li>• <b>Approve</b> Friends of Lib 9/12/23 Minutes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Librarian’s Report November 6, 2023</b></p> <p><b>Ongoing Programming:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Equity Book Club in partnership with Knox Clinic, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 5:30 PM – Date &amp; time may be changing. (Time May Change)</li> <li>• 3 Monthly Book Clubs – Mystery (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday), Pop-Up (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday), and Intergenerational (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)</li> <li>• Crafter’s Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays</li> <li>• TPL Poets’ Corner 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays</li> <li>• Communi-TEA – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday</li> <li>• Senior Exercise Class w/ Rec Department</li> <li>• Family Movie &amp; Pizza Nights, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday</li> <li>• Saturday Storytimes</li> <li>• Weekly Take-Home Projects will resume soon</li> <li>• Afterschool program has launched! 8 regular attendees already. Tuesdays and Thursdays weekly, 3(ish) to 4:30(ish)</li> </ul> <p><b>Recent Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friends fall fundraiser, Chili &amp; Chowder, Books &amp; Bakes – made about \$900 after expenses, sold half the totes! (Review Chowder Inc/Exp as in is it worth it).</li> <li>• Community Conversation about Accessibility in the Library – small turnout but very useful information.</li> <li>• Together with Thomaston – town volunteer event. Very successful in getting the bookshelves moved to rearrange the children’s room! Moving to by topics.</li> </ul>		<p>.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Aug7th minutes Pat carter Marie</p> <p>Motion to approve the 9/12 minutes of the Friends Diane/Janet</p>

- Halloween – Toby reports about 50 trick or treaters visited the library for candy and vouchers for free books from the Hallway Bookshop.

**Upcoming Programs:**

- 90s Trivia Night, November 16, 6 pm at the Lib.– in partnership with Knox Clinic. Free food & prizes!
- Downtown Christmas Festival – December 2, 10 AM to 3 PM. We’ll be doing a special Storytime at 10:30, and Kendray has offered us a table at the Holiday Market (waived the vendor fee) to sell tote bags @ Watts Hall!
- Merry Mannequins – the library will have a team up at Watts Hall putting together an evergreen gown for the Dec 9 & 10 event.

**Programs in the works:**

- Teen advisory board
- Prose writing group
- Board Game Night
- Movie Nights for grown-ups, with themed food
- Continued partnership with Cushing & other area libraries for author talks & more for almost all of next year.

**Other updates**

- Nothing new to report for grant activity.
- Maine Authors & Publishing is VERY interested in potentially holding the Maine Authors Book Festival here at the Academy Building next year.
- Reorganizing the children’s room – ongoing but feedback from parents & kids so far is overwhelmingly positive.

**Librarian’s Ongoing Programming:**

- A. General update on library programs (**SEE ABOVE**). Family Movie Nights- first Friday of the month; 5PM. Senior exercise class, Tuesday and Thursday at 11AM; Storytime is on Saturdays at 10; Poets’ corner- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 5PM; Crafters club, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at 4:30PM; and Community-tea every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 4PM, and new this month Afterschool Program, Tuesday and Thursday, 3 PM. Donations for free food shelf still needed.
- B. Book Clubs continue– Intergenerational, Pop-Up, and Health Equity and others.
- C. Strategic planning meeting to be held on 11/13/23. **Need to reschedule to 11/15/23 @ 5pm @ TPL.**
- D Chili/ Chowder/ Bake Sale 9/30/23: report on how we did. **Need to review the Inc/Exp and effort.**
- E. Annual Appeal 2023– next steps - Flyer is done.

<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b></p> <p>A. Current balance of bank account is about \$8,600 after two checks clear.</p> <p>B. Maine Community Foundation– we withdrew \$10,000 at the end of March.</p> <p>C. Ongoing expenses: support of TPL operating expenses, Senior Exercise class, renting the upstairs conference room on monthly basis (Do we continue?)</p> <p>D. Any Friends’ funds needed for other projects?</p> <p>E. Any questions re: the Lib/Book Endowmen</p> <p><b>Programs in the works:</b> (Any updates)</p> <p><b>Grant Activity - Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALA Libraries Transform Grant – Increasing Accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Community conversation Sept , next steps will officially be determined after that, but assuming we will then be putting out an RFP for architect &amp; contractor to see what renovation of entryway can be done within our budget of \$20K</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maine DECD/State Library Remote Work Through Libraries grant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Awarded \$7,000 for technology &amp; furniture to make the conference room usable as a remote working space as well as our typical uses. This is a three-year grant, so I am holding off on starting any part of this project until the elevator is repaired and the rentals of the 2nd floor space of the Academy Building are sorted out – we may be switching to one of the spaces currently rented by the church.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Comments, Questions, Concerns, Problems, or Praise:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjournment at 5:40 pm</li> <li>• <b>The Next JOINT Meeting is Jan 8th, 2024, at 5pm</b></li> </ul>	<p>Motion to adjourn – Pat/Diane – Folks hung up or voted with their feet</p>

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Hamlin, Secretary