

TPL Draft Board Minutes Sept 6th, 2023, 5:00pm

Officers	Board and Others	Board and Others
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janet Bosworth-Pres	<input type="checkbox"/> Patricia Carter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janet Dwelley
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<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"/>
Time IN 5:01 pm	Time OUT: 5:40 pm	Results / Action
Discussion – Both in person and Zoom meeting		Follow Up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint meeting with the Friends of the TPL • Changes to the Agenda: - NNTR (Nothing New to Report) • Approve September 6th Minutes – Admin • Approve Friends of Lib 9/12/23 Minutes. <p>Librarian’s Report November 6, 2023</p> <p>Ongoing Programming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Equity Book Club in partnership with Knox Clinic, 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30 PM – Date & time may be changing. (Time May Change) • 3 Monthly Book Clubs – Mystery (1st Thursday), Pop-Up (3rd Thursday), and Intergenerational (3rd Tuesday) • Crafter’s Club – 2nd & 4th Fridays • TPL Poets’ Corner 2nd & 4th Mondays • Communi-TEA – 3rd Friday • Senior Exercise Class w/ Rec Department • Family Movie & Pizza Nights, 1st Friday • Saturday Storytimes • Weekly Take-Home Projects will resume soon • Afterschool program has launched! 8 regular attendees already. Tuesdays and Thursdays weekly, 3(ish) to 4:30(ish) <p>Recent Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends fall fundraiser, Chili & Chowder, Books & Bakes – made about \$900 after expenses, sold half the totes! (Review Chowder Inc/Exp as in is it worth it). • Community Conversation about Accessibility in the Library – small turnout but very useful information. • Together with Thomaston – town volunteer event. Very successful in getting the bookshelves moved to rearrange the children’s room! Moving to by topics. 		<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- 2nd and 4th Monday, 5PM; Crafters club, 2nd and 4th Fridays at 4:30PM; and Community-tea every 3rd 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>Treasurer’s Report</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>Programs in the works: (Any updates)</p> <p>Grant Activity - Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALA Libraries Transform Grant – Increasing Accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Community conversation Sept , next steps will officially be determined after that, but assuming we will then be putting out an RFP for architect & contractor to see what renovation of entryway can be done within our budget of \$20K • Maine DECD/State Library Remote Work Through Libraries grant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Awarded \$7,000 for technology & 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. 	
<p>Comments, Questions, Concerns, Problems, or Praise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment at 5:40 pm • The Next JOINT Meeting is Jan 8th, 2024, at 5pm 	<p>Motion to adjourn – Pat/Diane – Folks hung up or voted with their feet</p>

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Hamlin, Secretary