

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2025

Attendance: Diane Giarusso, Nicole Goolishian, Mary Ann Taylor, Janis Giles, Liz Robinson, Lauren Chappell, Nancy Cohen, Doret Pool, Ana De Rosa, Rachael Schauer, Bonnie Page, D.J. Weiss

Acceptance of:

Minutes of January Meeting: Liz Robinson moved to accept and Nancy Cohen seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Doret Pool moved to accept and Liz Robinson seconded.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Janis Giles gave an abbreviated treasurer's report.

- January Income: \$4,471
- January Expenses: \$5,449.20
- Received a \$1,000 grant
- \$1,225 of expenses will soon be reimbursed and come off our books as expense.

Director's Report: Diane Giarusso gave the library report.

- Author visits are popular.
- In February, library will be closed on February 17th for Presidents' Day and from 9:00 – 11:00 am on February 20th for staff training.
- The TPL Tiny Art Show is back. You can find out more about it from the website. Canvases can be picked up at the Children's Desk starting February 7th. Public will vote on completed canvases and there will be a reception on April 12th at 2:00 pm to announce winner.
- The Children's Department will be seeing some changes soon. First up is the picture book and pre-school area.
- CrafterNoon has been a popular event, but is difficult for people who cannot attend during the day. Starting February 10th at 7:00 pm, CrafterDark will accommodate those folks. Bring a craft to work on while chatting with other crafters.
- A movie discussion group is forming wherein people will be assigned a movie to watch at home. They will then gather to discuss. Details to follow.

Trustee Report: Bonnie page was in attendance but indicated that she really had nothing of significance to report.

Old Business:

Friends Awareness Program: Friends will be available at select library events to share fundraising and other information with interested attendees. In February, a table will be set up at the following events:

- 2/01 – Brunch & Board Games 9:30-10:30 pm
- 2/05 – Mystery Book Club 12:00-1:30 pm
- 2/07 – Movie “Wicked” 1:30 pm
- 2/19 – CrafterNoon 12:00-1:30 pm
- 2/25 – Adult Board & Game Night 5:00-6:00 pm
- 2/26 – Page Turners Book Club 5:30-6:30 pm

Friends Monthly Meeting Information:

- Past minutes, current meeting agenda, and Director’s Report can be found on Friends’ website under the tab “About Us.”
- Meeting agendas are no longer emailed to members. If someone would like to attend a Zoom meeting, the link will be available on the “About Us” page of the website. Alternatively, people may email Friends directly to ask for the link.
- Meeting reminders will be posted in the library and in Friends emails.
- Since attendance at meetings have been low, for now future meetings except for the Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom.

Book Donation Drive: A drive was held on January 18th. Thank you to volunteers Nancy Baumoel, Barbara Valet, and Joanne Toppin.

Blind Date with a Book:

- This fundraiser has been successful and will continue.
- Donated books in very good shape are wrapped and sold for \$5.
- If you have fiction or non-fiction books in excellent condition, we would appreciate the donation to add to our Blind Date with a Book stock.
- The next time these books will be available will be the following:
- .Stop by to help out the library with a purchase of a blind date with a book.
 - 2/13 4-7 pm Winter Community Market – Senior Center
 - 2/19 –12:00-1:30 pm @ Tewksbury Public Library
 - 2/25 –5:00-6:00 pm @ Tewksbury Public Library
 - 2/26 –5:30-6:30 pm @ Tewksbury Public Library

Love Your Library Month:

- February is Love Your Library Month.
- Hearts are available in the library for you to write a message of love for your library and make a small donation to help cover library program expenses.

Friends Stand-Up Banner:

- Stop by the library to see our new “Love Your Library” banner, standing proudly during February.
- We are considering another banner more focused on Friends of the Library.

New Business:

2025 Fundraisers: We are open to any ideas you may have for fundraisers in 2025. The following are successful fundraisers we will continue in 2025:

- Blind Date With A Book
- Dine-Outs (4 each year)
- Bake Sales (2 each year). The first will be on May 17th in conjunction with Garden Club’s Plant Sale.
- Love Your Library
- Summer Concert Raffles
- Countdown to Christmas

An idea being considered is “Dine Out for a Week” in which people would buy raffle tickets for a chance to win seven \$25 gift certificates to seven different restaurants. Restaurants being considered to approach are:

- Italian – Angelinas, Al Fresca, Capellini’s, Luna Rossa, Café Sicilia
- Asian – Kyoto, Mango II, Origin Thai
- Indian - Al Maidah
- Mexican – 3 Amigos, Mexicana, Oscar’s
- Mediterranean – Pera
- Latin – The Pull-Up
- American – Firewater, Brothers, Brelundi, Jon Ryan’s
- Other ideas?

New Business:

Save the Date: Monday, March 24 will be the popular dine-out at Vic’s Waffle House from 4:00-7:00 pm. Vic opens the restaurant for Friends of the Library and gives

a percentage of both in-house and take-out orders. In addition, there will be a 50/50 raffle, so bring some cash to enter!

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of Friends of the Library is scheduled for April 26th at the Library.

June Dine-Out Ideas: Brothers Sports Bar & Grill was suggested for the June dine-out.

Adjournment: Doret Pool made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. It was seconded by Janis Giles. Meeting adjourned.