

**FRIENDS OF THE TEWKSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY MARCH MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 5, 2025**

**Attendance:** Mary Ann Taylor, Diane Giarrusso, Nicole Goolishian, Liz, Robinson, Doret Pool, Maureen Castiglione, Chris Castiglione, Larry Gale, Peggy Gale, Melissa Jean-Charles, Joanne Toppin, Lauren Chappell

**Acceptance of:**

- February 2025 Minutes – Doret Pool moved to accept the minutes, Liz Robinson seconded. The motion passed.
- Treasurers Report – Mary Ann provided an overview of the Treasurer’s report in Janis’ absence. The library’s honor cart and “Blind Date with a Book” are still the most successful fundraisers and resources. An observation was made that attendance for the movie nights tend to be higher when showing popular/newer movies that people are interested in. The Wicked showing had a great turnout with several donations.  
No vote was taken on the Treasurer’s Report, any questions can be directed to Janis.

**Director’s Report** – Diane provided a brief overview of updates happening at the library. The Children’s room will be closed during renovation March 16-17th.  
Leftover seeds from last season are available, please take a look and take those available!  
Also noted that there is an Author Alert feature available, notifying you when there is a book ordered by a popular author you may be interested in.

**Trustee Report-** Chris represented the Trustees, but there was nothing to note for the committee. For the first time in a while the library is fully staffed and no major policy updates.

**Old Business**

Membership

This year’s membership drive went well. Reminder to all Friends members to renew your membership donations if you have not already! This spring will start the renewal for the business memberships.

We did not reach our goal for the Love Your Library Month, but the Blind Date with a Book is still going strong. We sold out at the Community Market and will reach out to members to assist with wrapping for the books received. There is another book donation drive on 3/22 to secure more books for this fundraiser.

2025 Dine Outs

Still looking for additional gift cards from local restaurants to complete the Eat Out for a Week fundraiser. Mary Ann will reach out, and also try to secure a location for the June Dine Out.

## **New Business:**

Mary Ann discussed the idea of holding a Scavenger Hunt with clues at the library and surrounding area sometime in October. This would be a fundraising event with tickets to be sold at a low threshold of \$10-15. The concern would be if there should be an age minimum, along with a cap for number of people per team. The idea would be to make an entire event out of the day in order to incentivize people to participate. The Friends will continue to discuss ideas and outline what the event would look like and bring to a future meeting.

Maureen suggested reaching out to Treehouse Brewery for a tasting event, or items that can be donated for future raffles. Mary Ann has reached out via email and will go in person to talk to someone about options and ideas.

As always, the Friends are open to fundraising ideas and welcome any feedback.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was raised by Maureen, and seconded by Doret.

The March 5, 2025 Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library Meeting concluded at 7:44 PM.