Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library
Nov Board Meeting 11/4 @ 7 pm

Meeting was called to order by Mary Ann at 7:04 PM

Attendance

Mary Ann Taylor, Lauren Chappell, Diane Giarrusso, Janis Giles, Doret Pool, Becky Rowlands, Karen Silva, Joanne, Toppin

October Minutes

Janis moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Doret.

Treasurers Report

Janis reviewed the financials for October and for 2016 year to date. We are staying relatively flat in most cases and October was relatively quiet. Janis did check Paypal and we have received $450 for the music bingo event.

Doret moved to accept the Treasurer's report and the motion was seconded by Mary Ann.

Director's Report – Diane Giarrusso

FallOWeen was successful. About 800 people stopped at the tent for goodies and information.

The library staff is learning more about serving all people with empathy but especially those that are unhoused or experiencing mental, physical or substance abuse issues. Deescalation skills are being learned . This is a year long course online and the staff is encouraged to take at least one class per month.

Library will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th for Veteran's Day and November 24-29th for Thanksgiving.

Diane will prepare the budget programming information for the December meeting. Even though the library will start paying the expenses for library events in 2027, Janis still needs to have the budget requests broken down by group (children, teens, adults) for tax purposes.

Trustee Report if Available
There wasn't a Trustee available for a report.

Old Business:

Musical Video Bingo – 11/14

Sales are still slow but hopefully folks are waiting for this month to buy tickets. The web page for the event is active and a poster has been placed in the library. Tickets are $25 each or $220 for a table of 10. ND Productions will host the event to be held at the Elks Tewksbury/Wilmington Lodge hall.

Doors open at 7 and the game begins at 7:30. A 50/50 raffle will be offered. Attendees may bring snacks, but beverages will be sold at the event. There will be 4 rounds requiring a prize for each round and Lauren is already getting those prizes ready. Lauren has also arranged for a projector for the event.

Blind Date with a Book Sale – November 21 @ the Library from 9:30 – 12:30

We have over 50 books to sell at the event. Books are wrapped and ready to go! Thank you to our "wrappers" Liz, Janis and Lauren.

Upcoming Fund Raisers:

Dine Out

Liz and Mary Ann are working with TJ Callahan's for a date to have a Dine Out fundraiser during November. TJ Callahan's has not established a date as yet.

Countdown to Christmas Fund Raiser

We need to start soliciting for gift cards ($10 and over) for our December fundraiser. Raffle ticket sales are now available on the Friends' website. We will offer cash sales on the following Saturdays 11/7 & 11/21.

Giving Thursday, Dec 1

In November Mary Ann will work on creating social media to promote this event.

New Business:

Mary Ann just received a notice from Tewksbury Federal Credit Union of an Award benefitting the Friends.

The bank sponsored a Credit for Life reality fair, which is a living budget present to the junior class of Tewksbury Memorial High School. Students chose their future career/income in advance. On the day of the fair, they represent their 25 year old future selves and visited 10 booths to make spending choices. One of the booths was for "Charitable Donations" where they were given three real life local non-profit options, with the Friends being one of those choices.

Because the Friends received the most choices, the bank is donating $1,000 to the Friends. A close second was Strongwater Farms, who received $500.

Mary Ann suggested, and the groups agreed, that the monies should be dedicated to the teen program.

Friends Awareness Program

Continue to create awareness on what the Friends do for the library. We work with library staff to find out what in-person events are scheduled for large turnouts.

Friends' Monthly Meeting Information

Past minutes, current meeting agenda and Director's Report can be found on the Friends' website under the tab "About Us". This is the link About Us.
The current agenda and meeting minutes are available on the Friends' website. Zoom invites will be included on this page as well. Interested folks may also email the Friends for the Zoom invite.
Meeting reminders will be posted in the library and Friends emails.
Note: Attendance at meetings has been sparse. Therefore other than our Annual Meeting, in-person meetings will be discontinued until further notice.

Lauren moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Janis and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Proposed Fundraisers for 2026

Blind Date a Book Sales TBD

January
Membership Drive

February
Love Your Library Promotion – Request online donations
Blind Date with a Book

March
Dine Out (#1) Vic's Waffle House

April
Wine Tasting @ Oakdale
"Dine Out Free for a Week" (DOFW) Raffle

May
Mac's Ice Cream
Friends Bake Sale & Blind Date Book Sale to coincide with Garden Club Event

June
Concert Raffle Sales
Dine Out (#2) – Wicked Cheesy

July
Concert Raffle Sales

August
Concert Raffle Sales

September
Blind Date w/Book @ Community Market

November
Musical Bingo
Blind Date w/Book @ library
Countdown to Christmas
Dine Out?

December
Giving Tuesday Dec 1
Countdown to Christmas

2026 PROPOSED CALENDAR

JANUARY 1/7 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom Start of Membership Drive	**FEBRUARY** National Love Your Library Month: Love Your Library Fund Drive 2/4 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom Blind Date w/Book Sales: 2/12 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Winter Market – Tewksbury Senior Center 2/21 Book Donation Event	**MARCH** 3/4 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 3/30 Dine Out at Vic's Waffle House @ 4pm – 7p with 50/50 raffle
APRIL 4/1 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 4/25 Annual Board Meeting @ 10 am 4/28 Wine Tasting @ One Stop Liquors/Oakdale	**MAY** 5/2 Book Donation Event 5/13 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 5/16 Friends Bake Sale Date coincides with Garden Club Event: 9:30 – 12:30 pm 5/19 Mac's Ice Cream Dine Out	**JUNE** 6/4 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 6/15 Summer Concert 6/22 Summer Concert TBD Dine Out at Wicked Cheesy 6/29 Summer Concert
JULY FOTPL Meeting Suspended Summer Concerts starting @ 6:30 pm	**AUGUST** FOTPL Meeting Suspended Summer Concerts starting @ 6:00 pm	**SEPTEMBER** 9/2 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 9/10 Community Market (Blind Date w/Book sales) 9/19 Book Donation Event
OCTOBER 10/1 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom	**NOVEMBER** 11/4 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 11/7 Book Donation Event 11/14 Musical Bingo Fundraiser @ Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Lodge @ 7 pm	**DECEMBER** 12/1 Giving Tuesday 12/2 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom