

Meeting Minutes: Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library

Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025	Time: 7:00 PM	Location: Zoom meeting
Attendees: Mary Ann Taylor, Lauren Chappell, Liz Robinson, Janis Giles, Diane Giarrusso, Nicole Goolishian, Doret Poole, Joanne Toppin, Bonnie Paige and Alexander Arruda		

Agenda Items
Meeting Called to Order at 7:01 p.m. by President Mary Ann Taylor.
Prior Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was a change to March's meeting minutes; the addition of Joanne Toppin to the attendance. Motion to approve minutes by Doret Poole. Seconded by Joanne Toppin. Approved.
Treasurer's Report: Presented by treasurer, Janis Giles <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received over \$2400 in donations thus far this year.• Received \$500 from 50/50 raffle at Vic's Dine-out. Winner donated their \$250 winnings back to the Friends.• Income for March - \$2336. Expenses low due to no request for funds from Robert.• Motion to approve report by Doret Poole. Seconded by Liz Robinson. Approved.
Director's Report: Presented by Diane Giarrusso <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tiny Art Show Reception – Saturday, April 12.• National Library Week begins Sunday April 6. Theme – 'Drawn to the Library' What draws you to the library?• Hoopla – ereading option. Link to 'how-to brochure' on Director's Report
Trustee's Report: Presented by Bonnie Paige <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing to report.
Old Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vic's Dine-out netted \$500 from the 50/50 raffle. Haven't heard how much was realized from dinner sales. Thanks to the Seto family.• Successful Book Donation Drive. Thanks to Nancy B., Joanne T. and Barbara V.• Continue the Friends Awareness Program - being a presence in the library to explain the role of the Friends.• Received new donations of books for Blind Date with a Book. New sale dates coming.• Eat Free for a Week Raffle – Received donations from 7 restaurants. \$10 per ticket. Drawing will be on August 1st.• Tareila Missions Grant – Board decided to pass on applying for the grant and look into gathering more information and ideas and possibly applying for next year's grant in November.• September dine-out will be at Brothers Bar and Grill.• Scavenger Hunt in September in beginning planning stage.

New Business:

- 3 Amigos – new business friend
- Corning Grant – Applying again. Nancy B. will submit proposal.
- May Friends meeting conflicts with Town Meeting so meeting will be canceled.

Save the Dates:

- Tuesday, April 8 (5:00-7:00 pm) – Wine Tasting at OneStop Liquors. Tickets may be purchased online for \$15 or at the door for \$20.
- Saturday, April 26 (10:00 am-noon) – Annual Meeting at the Tewksbury Public Library
- Saturday May 17 (9:30-12:30) - Bake Sale in conjunction with the Garden Club Plant Sale at the library
- Tuesday, May 20 (all day) – Mac’s Ice Cream Dine-out. **Must mention The Friends!**
- Monday June 9 (all day; dine-in and take-out) – 3 Amigos Bar and Grill Dine-out. **Must mention The Friends!**

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Bake for Bake Sale Saturday, May 17. Sign up on sign-up genius or email the Friends
- Sell at the Bake Sale Saturday May 17 – Sign up on sign-up genius or email the Friends.

Motion to adjourn made by Doret Poole. Seconded by Joanne Toppin. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 via Zoom.

Submitted by Elizabeth Robinson, Vice President for Nancy Cohen, Recording Secretary