

Meeting Minutes: Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2025	Time: 7:00 PM	Location: Zoom meeting
Attendees: Mary Ann Taylor, Lauren Chappell, Liz Robinson, Diane Giarrusso, Nicole Goolishian, Doret Poole, Julie McNaughton, Marilyn Scheffler		

Agenda Items
Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mary Ann Taylor.
Prior Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">There was no meeting in May due to a conflict with the Town Meeting, so the April 2025 minutes are due for approval.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Motion to Approve: Doret Poole, Seconded: Liz Robinson</i>
Treasurer's Report: Presented by treasurer, Janis Giles <p>Janis not able to attend tonight's meeting, but Mary Ann pointed out some highlights from the Treasurer's report. Please note that the May and June invoices has not yet been received, so the financials look healthier than they are. Please feel free to direct any questions to The Friends email.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Corning Foundation Grant came in- thank you to Nancy and Robert who helped facilitate this.Dine out for a week Raffle has sold 29 tickets thus far and will continue promoting this fundraiser.Blind Date with a Book has sold out inventory, will hopefully replenish with upcoming book donation drive.Wine Tasting and Mac's Dine Out checks have also come in.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Motion to Approve: Doret Poole, Seconded: Liz Robinson</i>
Director's Report: Presented by Diane Giarrusso <ul style="list-style-type: none">Happy Summer! On June 16th the Summer Reading Program kicks off, along with the Summer Concert SeriesAs a result of recent events with the IMLS, the library has lost some of it's funding for the rest of this year and 2026. Impact includes reorganization of some of the used databases. More information will be made available via the website. As of right now Libby is still safe and can be used.Donations in memory of Joyce and Ed Sheehan continue to come in, the Friends are keeping track of those.Hospital Drive reconstruction will be taking place June 16-20th and the library will remain open during this. Please be mindful of any delays.
Trustee's Report: No Trustee Report Presented for June

Old Business:

- Dine Out Free for A Week Raffle continuing and will be promoted heavily through the next couple of months. A winner will be chosen on August 1st. More opportunities to sell tickets in person are coming up as well.
- Lauren will be selling Blind Dates with a Book and Raffle Tickets at the upcoming Community Market on June 26th.
- The Bake sale was crazy! All baked goods and Blind Dates with Books SOLD OUT!

2025 Fundraisers:

- More info to come, but the Improv Comedy Night set for November 8th. Queen City Improv Group from Manchester will be performing. The Friends will sell Wine and Beer, Lauren received TIPS certification in Concessions and Special Events Serving.
- Doret asked about the Friends' participation in this years' Halloween Trunk or Treat- Mary Ann confirmed that we will be participating but probably in a different capacity than last year. Perhaps proving baked goods or snacks since the food truck lines were very long last year. Doret also stated that she knows individuals who can come and volunteer to take pictures for the Friends.

Save the Dates:

- Monday June 9 (all day; dine-in and take-out) – 3 Amigos Bar and Grill Dine-out. **Must mention The Friends!**
- Saturday June 14- Book Donation Drive
- Monday June 16- Summer Concert Series Starts! Please see the sign-up sheet if you are interested in volunteering to sell raffle tickets. All concerts will start at the same time this year.

Please Remember: The Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library will be suspending Meetings for the months of July and August. Next Meeting taking place on: **Wednesday September 3, 2025.** Please feel free to email the Friends with questions and ideas.

Have a wonderful Summer and we hope to see everyone around the Library!

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: *Proposed by Liz Robinson, Seconded by Doret Poole*
Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 PM

Submitted by: Lauren Chappell, Corresponding Secretary for Nancy Cohen, Recording Secretary