

Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library

December 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Mary Ann Taylor, Diane Giarrusso, Nicole Goolishian, Janis Giles, Nancy Cohen

Acceptance of Minutes

Janis Giles moved to accept the November 2025 minutes. Nancy Cohen seconded.

Treasurer's Report

- Gross income for 2025 was \$53,207. After donations were made and bills were paid, we currently sit at -\$2,829.
- We made \$5,869 in the last period.
- Nancy Cohen moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Mary Ann Taylor seconded.

Director's Report

- Adult programming requested \$30,900 for 2026. Friends will provide \$30,000 and the Library will cover \$900.
- 36,767 people attended in-person programs.
- 56,670 people attended virtual programs.
- 70,881 views of the YouTube channel.
- The Library will close at 1 pm on December 24 and be closed until December 27. It will close at 5 pm on December 31.

Save the Dates

- Reusable bags at Hannaford during the month of December. Be sure to mention Friends when you buy a bag and we will get a portion of the sale.
- Countdown to Christmas: December 1 – December 24, a name will be drawn each day for a gift card prize.
- Blind Date With a Book: Pre-wrapped books will be sold at the library on Saturday, December 6. Janis and Liz will be there for sales.
- Countdown to Christmas sales will also be held at the library on December 6.

Old Business

- Blind Date With a Book Fundraiser: Mary Ann reminded people that if anyone has any fiction or non-fiction books that are in really good condition and need a new home, you can drop them off at a book donation day or e-mail the Friends and we will make arrangements to get the books. This is turning out to be a very

popular fundraiser. Anyone can buy a wrapped book (candy and teabag included) for only \$5.

- Tareila Missions Grant: We are still waiting for an update on this grant offered by the Tewksbury Congregational Church.
- Improv Night with Queen City Improv: This November 8th event was a lot of fun. 82 tickets were sold and there was also a 50/50 raffle. Friends would like to acknowledge that Jennifer Poole, who won the 50/50 raffle, donated back \$130 to the Friends.
- Dine Out at Kyoto's: We only made \$50 on this November 12th event, but Kyoto's kindly matched our sales and presented a check for \$100 to us.
- The Book Donation Drive: This November 11th event brought in a lot of wonderful books, thanks to Nancy Baumel, Barbara Valet, and Rose O'Neil who worked the day.
- Countdown to Christmas: This is ongoing. Anyone may purchase a \$5 raffle ticket (or more than one). Each day from December 1 to December 24 a winner will be randomly selected to win one of the mystery gift cards that have generously been donated. If you would like to help out by donating a gift card worth \$10 or more, we are still accepting them. You may leave them in the Friends mailbox in the library or mail them to Friends c/o Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876. The winning raffle tickets are returned to the bin so you may win more than once.
- Friends Awareness Program: Our goal is to have a presence at all in-person library events that expect a large turnout. We are always looking for new fundraising ideas and volunteers for our programs. If you would like to offer suggestions or take part, send an email to friendstplibrary@gmail.com.
- Friends Monthly Meetings: Past minutes, current meeting agendas, and Director's report can be found on the Friends' website under the tab "About Us". Zoom invitations for monthly meetings are also available here. All meetings except the Annual Meeting will be held via zoom for the foreseeable future.
- Giving Tuesday: The Friends promoted a donation to the Friends for Giving Tuesday.

Adjournment

Janis Giles moved to adjourn the meeting and Nancy Cohen seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.