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## Taunton Public Library

### Minutes for the September 20, 2023 Meeting

Present: Ted Gay, William Hanna, Jason Cross, Audrey Reese, Patricia Morris  
Staff: Linda Coelho, Director  
Friends of the Taunton Public Library President: Brian Belanger

Ms. Reese called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

The June 2023 minutes were presented. Mr. Gay made a motion to accept. Dr. Hanna seconded the motion and the Board approved.

The June 2023 financial report was reviewed. Dr. Hanna made a motion to accept. Mr. Gay seconded the motion and the Board approved.

The June 2023 circulation report was reviewed. Dr. Hanna made a motion to accept. Mr. Gay seconded the motion and the Board approved.

#### **New Business:**

- The interdepartmental assistant position has been filled, and settling in successfully. At this point in time all librarian and library assistant positions are filled.
- This past summer season had many new programs along with old favorites. We had a total of 235 juvenile patrons registered for our Summer 2023 Summer Reading Program. The new bi-monthly yoga program is running successfully, and attendance is slowly growing over time.
- Veteran's Day 2023 is a Saturday, therefore, the library will be closed Saturday, November 11, 2023 and Friday, November 10, 2023 in observance of the paid holiday per union contracts.
- The library is in receipt of a \$2,000 donation from the Yelle family in memory of their parents Maria and George Yelle. Maria was a teacher and tutor in Taunton for many years. The donation will be used for purchase of an ADA compliant youth services circulation desk. A formal letter has been sent to the City Council for acceptance of this donation.

**Old Business:**

- The new roof project will begin within the next few weeks. To review cost before the project begins will be a total of \$209,550. This covers both a completely new roof for the original building and the addition section of the building along with chimney work.

**Friends' Report:** The August 10<sup>th</sup> book sale was successful, and we will be experimenting with having an evening book sale on Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

**Correspondence:** none

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.  
The next scheduled meeting will be held **Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

Respectfully submitted by Linda Coelho

Documents list

June 2023 minutes  
June 2023 Financial Report  
June 2023 Circulation Report  
Letter to City Council to accept Yelle donation  
New Roof estimates from Skyline construction