

Lydia Taft Pratt Library

Board Minutes

April 3, 2018

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Attendees: Sue Kern, Harold Newell, Barb Clark, Torrey Luker, Karen Cawrse
Guest: Lara Keenan, State Library Consultant, Governance & Management

Sue called the meeting to order at 11:00a.m.

Lara Keenan was invited to meet with the board to discuss how to strengthen and sustain the library. Lara shared trainings, guides and ideas on how to advocate for the library. Topics also discussed were the library hours and how best to collect community data on the best hours for the library to be open. Lara suggested sending out a survey, perhaps as part of a town mailing, and add the incentive of each survey participant would be added into a raffle. There was additional discussions on finding community needs and trying to fill the needs or partnering with another group in the town to work together to fill the community needs. Lara suggested compiling a list of groups in Dummerston that the library could potentially partner with on community offerings. Sue brought up the name of the library and the possibility of better branding the Lydia Taft Pratt Library as the town's public library. Lara suggested research within the community about the attachment to the current name. Lara was thanked by the board for her time and advice.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Torrey Luker