

Lydia Taft Pratt Library

Board Minutes

August 27, 2019

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Attendees: Jessica Nelson, Jeanne Bristol, Deb Ayer, Karen Cawrse, Sue Kern (by phone)

Jessica called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

Additions to Agenda:

Torrey Luker has resigned from the Board because she and her family are moving out of Dummerston. Torrey was a dedicated board member and volunteer, giving many hours of her time to the library. She is passionate about the importance of the public library in the community. She and her family will be missed. The Board wishes her all the best.

MINUTES:

Jeanne made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23rd meeting. Sue seconded. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Budget Report: Jessica submitted the July Budget Report for the Board's review.

Warrant: Jeanne made a motion to approve the July Warrant. Deb seconded. Warrant approved.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Karen submitted the statistics for July and reviewed the programs and activities held in August, including the Summer Reading events. Karen will be attending the national conference of the Association of Rural and Small Libraries being held in Burlington in September, through a grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries.

There is a need for more volunteers, especially with the loss of Torrey's volunteer hours. Jessica has offered to supply the Dummerston School Little Free Library; Deb will pick up the recycling; Jeanne will cover the library while Karen picks up the mail. While Board members form the core of library volunteers, we also need to reach out to other library supporters.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Library Hours: Begin September 17: Tuesdays, 2-6 pm, Wednesdays & Thursdays 1-5 pm, Saturdays, 10 am-1 pm. Tiers revising the hour signs. Publicity discussed. Board Meeting day/time remains the same: Fourth Tuesday at 6:15pm.

Annual Appeal: Deb and Jessica will submit a draft letter at the September Board Meeting. Karen sending out sample letters from the last 2 years.

Community Center Board Report: Jeanne reported that the Center Board continues work on their 5 year plan.

Fall Raffle: Raffle will be held through October. Jeanne will again bring the raffle to the Grange Lunches and is checking on having a table at the Apple Pie Festival. Fall Programming ideas were discussed, including a possible Halloween event. Discussion continued on fundraising events.

Volunteer Recognition: Discussed possible holiday mailing. Details to be confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Preparation: FY2020-2021: Budget Committee to prepare draft budget for September meeting.

Trustee Vacancy: Discussion of recruiting a new board member, now that Torrey is off the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm. Motion by Deb, seconded by Jeanne. Passed.

Submitted by Sue Kern