

**Lydia Taft Pratt Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 27, 2023**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Holiday at 5:06pm. Attending the meeting were Dave Schottland, Dena Marger, Phyllis Emery, and Jeanne Bristol. There were no guests.

Additions to Agenda

- Payment to Boaz Vilazny (discussed with this month's warrant)
- W. Dummerston Post Office hours

Approval of Last Month's Meeting Minutes

The previous board meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Lyle to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Jeanne, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

-Budget Report

- The budget was reviewed and discussed.
- Dena noted that, while the library has money in its budget for new books, we have run out of room for large-print, adult nonfiction, children's nonfiction, and young adult fiction books.

-Warrant Approval

- Dave made a motion to pay Boaz Vilazny \$100 for his fermentation (sourdough) program. The motion was seconded by Jeanne, and the motion passed. This cost was added to the February warrant.
- A motion was made by Lyle to approve this month's warrant, which was seconded by Phyllis and the motion passed.

Librarian's Report

- The complete Librarian's Report can be found at the end of this document.

Old Business

-Dummerston Community Center Board Report

The library was informed that it had the option to use the basement of the DCC for Boaz Vilazny's fermentation program.

-Review of Lease Requirements

The board reviewed its current lease.

-Fermentation Program Report-Out

Dena shared with the board how Boaz Vilazny’s program went. There were 38 attendees, and we hope to have Boaz back for another program, as Dummerston residents have been requesting so.

New Business

-Future Programs

- Lyle suggested that the library establishes a consistent, reliable schedule of programs throughout the year (e.g. movie nights, knitting club, etc.).
- Dave suggested that we reach out to the community regarding various types of programming people might be willing to share via the library. For example, board member Dave Schottland has offered to hold a program regarding the brewing of nonalcoholic ginger beer.
- Dave and Dena are going to look into creating an official website for the library, so we can better advertise our monthly events.

-West Dummerston Post Office Hours

Hours for the West Dummerston Post Office have changed to 8:00am – 12:00pm during the weekdays, so Dena will email the board when there are packages to be delivered or picked up, and someone from the board will take care of it.

Adjourn

At 6:51pm Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lyle seconded, and the motion passed.

**LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY
LIBRARIAN’S REPORT
February 2023**

Statistics for January 27 - February 23, 2023:

- **Library Visits**

	Attendance	Last month 12/15-1/26
Adult Visits	119	133
Children Visits	6	14
Total Visits:	125	147

- **Materials Circulation**

	Books	Children’s and YA

LibraryWorld	74	16
LW Renewals	20	
ILL	8	
Audio/Ebooks (GMLC/OverDrive)	48	
Total Circulation	150	
Tot Circ last month	270	

Overdrive Via Libby Usage Stats (last 30 days)	This Month	Last Month
Total Checkouts	48	
Distinct Users	12	
Ebooks	19	
AudioBooks	29	

Programs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Programs</u>	<u>Participation</u>
2/14	Needlework Program	3
2/13	Book Club	5
2/11	Sourdough Program	38

Narrative

- **Programs**

- Book club was rescheduled from January, due to weather, and met instead on February 13 in the library. Next book club will happen on Monday, March 27. We will be reading *The Most Costly Journey*, which is the Vermont Humanities Vermont Reads pick this year. The library has been invited to participate in events around this book at the Dummerston School, which is an outreach opportunity for us.
- Decided not to do an indoor movie program this month, as it is unclear if we would be able to use the meeting room for an event that may involve noisy children and may involve snacks.
- The next Needlework Club will meet on March 14th in the library.
- The Sourdough program attracted an unusual number of people. A hazardous situation was created by crowding that many people into the small space that is the library. No fewer than four of the limited seats were taken up by voting members of the DCC board,

who had a quorum and might have voted to allow us to use the more appropriate meeting room. They didn't. Nevertheless, people seemed happy with the program. Several asked in person or via social media when we might have another program of this nature. Future programs might require an RSVP or registration in order to gauge the level of interest.

- **Grant Updates**

- I have submitted the 2023 Summer Programming Grant application, for \$300.

- **Library**

- I've started working on the annual report for the state. It is due on Friday March 24th.
- I ordered a file cabinet.
- The heater in the fish tank stopped working and the fish died.

Submitted respectfully,
Dena Marger 2/23/23