

# Lydia Taft Pratt Library Board of Trustees Meeting - Thursday, March 23, 2023

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Holiday at 5:02pm. Attending the meeting were Dena Marger, Jeanne Bristol, Phyllis Emery, and Dave Schottland (via Zoom). Dummerston Town Treasurer Charlotte Neer Annis was also in attendance.

## II. REORGANIZATION

- Phyllis nominated Lyle to remain as Chairperson, which was seconded by Dave, and the motion passed.
- Lyle nominated Phyllis to remain as Vice-Chairperson, which was seconded by Dave, and the motion passed.
- Lyle nominated Dave to remain as Secretary, which was seconded by Phyllis, and the motion passed.
- Jeanne will continue as liaison to the Dummerston Community Center Board, though other board members will sometimes attend the DCC meetings.
- Phyllis made a motion to pass the ballot of board positions, which was seconded by Dave, and the motion passed.

## III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

No additions to the agenda were made.

## IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

- Charlotte Neer Annis was welcomed to the meeting, and she handled her business first, regarding petty cash issues.
- Due to a variety of complications that can arise from keeping petty cash in the library, it was decided that the board will not keep petty cash in the library. Any library-related money spent by Dena or board members will be reimbursed by the town.

## V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Lyle made a motion to approve last month's minutes, which was seconded by Jeanne, and the motion passed.

## VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

### A. Budget Report

The budget was presented and discussed.

### B. Warrant Approval

Lyle made a motion to approve the warrant, which was seconded by Phyllis, and the motion passed.

#### VII. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The complete Librarian's Report can be found separately on the town's website.

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. Dummerston Community Center Board Report

No news to report, as no one attended their March meeting.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Programming

Dena has hired a magician to put on a program this summer.

##### B. Website Development

No further development has been made.

##### C. Lost Book Fee

Dena will be writing a new policy for lost book fees.

##### D. Petty Cash

This was covered earlier in the board's meeting. See above.

##### E. Replacing Board Member

A few community members have shown some interest, but we are still in need of a new member or two.

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:56 Phyllis made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dave, and the motion passed.

LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

March 2023

Statistics for February 24 - March 23, 2023:

- Library Visits

Attendance Last month

Adult Visits 78 119

Children Visits 5 6

Total Visits: 83 125

- Materials Circulation

Books Children's

and YA

LibraryWorld 89 23

LW Renewals 24

ILL 14

Audio/Ebooks

(GMLC/OverDrive)

64

Total Circulation 191

Tot Circ last month 150

Overdrive Via Libby

Usage Stats

(last 30 days)

This Month Last Month

Total Checkouts 64 48

Distinct Users 11 12

Ebooks 24 19

AudioBooks 40 29

Programs

Date Programs Participation

3/14 Needlework Program Canceled due to snow

3/27 Book Club

Narrative

- Programs

- The next book club will happen on Monday, March 27. We are reading *The Most Costly Journey*, which is the Vermont Humanities Vermont Reads selection this year. We will be doing a program in conjunction with the Dummerston School around this title, potentially on Thursday, March 30th.

- The April book club will meet on Monday, April 24th, and will be reading *The Sweet Hereafter* by Russell Banks, who died earlier this year.

- I am arranging a program for this summer in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program, together with the librarian in Wilmington. Ed Popielarczyk is a children's performer, magician, comedian, balloon sculptor, etc. I'm told he's "hysterical." We will be able to pay for this performer with the Summer Reading Programming grant. I'm expecting to host the program outdoors on Thursday July 6. <https://edpop.com/> The

fee for this program is \$300. It will be paid for with the Summer Programming Grant from the Department of Libraries. We will receive this grant in mid May.

- Library

- I've decided to interfile the large print books into the collection, in order to prevent our users of large print from having to get on their hands and knees to see them. They will be harder to browse this way, but I've also decided to turn the yellow wire display shelf in the front of the library into a display for the newest large print titles. The titles in the shelves are labeled, so they can still be browsed, and they are also labeled in the catalog, should anyone want to search that way.

- Moving into the space formerly occupied by large print will be biographies. This will mean more room on the adult non fiction shelf (YAY) but also that the adult fiction shelves will be even tighter (BOO).

Submitted respectfully,

Dena Marger 3/23/23