

**Lydia Taft Pratt Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 26, 2023**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Holiday at 5:05pm. Attending the meeting were Dave Schottland, Dena Marger, and Jeanne Bristol.

Guests: Catherine O'Callaghan

Additions to Agenda

- "May Friends of LTP Program Update" was moved up on the agenda.

May Friends of LTP Program Update

Catherine O'Callaghan (who has been organizing Lydia's Friends and is running the Geranium Festival and silent auction) asked the board to ask the Dummerston Community Center Board whether we may put up a tent and storybook walk for the event. *(Note: Dave and Jeanne have since asked for permission, and it was granted.)*

- Lydia's Friends may consider applying for nonprofit status at some point down the line.
- The board discussed the idea of using profits from the Geranium Festival to have a professional website built for the library.

Approval of Last Month's Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

-Budget Report

The budget was reviewed and discussed.

-Warrant Approval

- A motion was made by Jeanne to approve this month's warrant, which was seconded by Lyle, 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

Dave and Jeanne shared that the DCC Board has begun discussing their rental policies and fees.

-Website Development

Dena will look into options for having a website built.

-Lost Book Fee

Dena will be composing an official policy for the loss of books.

-Replacing Board Member

- We are still looking to add one or two board members to our board.
- Dave will post on Facebook about it, and he will write a short piece for the Views.

-Movie Nights

Dave will ask the Dummerston Community Center Board for permission to show a movie on Saturday, May 27 at 8:30. *(Note: Dave has since asked for permission, and it was granted.)*

New Business

-Passwords

Dena has a binder containing all passwords needed for accessing library resources.

-Sharing LTP and DCC Programming to a Wider Audience

This topic was discussed, but no conclusions were reached.

-Movie Nights

With permission from the DCC (which has been granted since the LTP Library Board met), the first movie night will be held on Saturday, May 27 at 8:30. No movie has been selected yet.

Adjourn

At 6:42pm Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lyle seconded, and the motion passed.

**LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
April 2023**

Statistics for March 23 - April 26, 2023:

- **Library Visits**

	Attendance	Last month
Adult Visits	105	78

Children Visits	7	5
Total Visits:	112	83

- **Materials Circulation**

	Books	Children's and YA
LibraryWorld	93	14
LW Renewals	22	
ILL	2	
Audio/Ebooks (GMLC/OverDrive)	77	
Total Circulation	194	
Tot Circ last month	191	

Overdrive Via Libby Usage Stats (last 30 days)	This Month	Last Month
Total Checkouts	77	64
Distinct Users	11	11
Ebooks	23	24
AudioBooks	54	40

Programs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Programs</u>	<u>Participation</u>
4/11	Needlework Program	1
4/24	Book Club	6

Narrative

- **Programs**

- The last Monday in May is Memorial day, so the book club will not be meeting again until June 26. The book is *Midwives* by Chris Bohjalian. Dave ordered it through the KitKeeper program.
 - I have booked performer Ed Popielarczyk for a program in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program for Thursday July 6. 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. I've received an invoice from him, but we haven't secured permission to hold the program yet, and we haven't paid him yet, as we haven't received the grant money. This program will be FREE and everyone will be invited to attend. For free. Because we are a *public* library.
 - No one showed up for the last knitting group, except me. So, I want to change the time of this program from a Tuesday evening once a month to a Saturday Morning to see if that works better. The next meeting of the knitting club will be on Saturday, May 27.
 - There was a question about whether we would be hosting StoryWalks this year, and whether we could have one for the fundraiser event in May. I don't know if we have to ask permission to do this or not. Questions about things like this that seemed settled in the past no longer seem quite as settled.
- **Outreach**
 - I attended the Arts Night program at the Dummerston School on Thursday, April 13th. I introduced myself and the library, and two families (two kids each) signed up for library cards.
 - I'll be looking to do the new baby book dedications for Dummerston's 2022 babies soon.
 - The Friends Group, Lydia's Friends has been planning a fundraiser event in May.
 - **Library**
 - Nobody has seemed too disturbed by the new arrangement of the large print titles. In fact, folks seem to appreciate the display up front; more room and less need to crouch!
 - Will likely be picking up a donated file cabinet some time next week.

Submitted respectfully,
Dena Marger 4/26/23