

Lydia Taft Pratt Library
Special Meeting with Dummerston Community Center Board
January 15th, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by library board chairperson Lyle Holiday. Attending the meeting were:

- Lyle Holiday
- Linda DeCarlo-Burns
- Joanne McClellan
- Cindy Bacigalupo
- Tom Nolan
- Alex Wilson
- Lester Dunklee
- Randy Hickin
- Carol Wood
- Dave Schottland
- Jeanne Bristol

-Alex revisited last week's discussion and asked for a recap.

-Lyle reviewed that Dena and Joanne gave a presentation last Thursday. At the end of that meeting, DCC board members were surprised that there wasn't a strong delineation between the library and DCC sections of the new space, whereas it was clear to the library board at the end of the 12/16 meeting that there was an understanding that the mobile furniture would allow for flexibility. DCC board members did not dispute this recap.

-The DCC felt that at the last meeting they heard 50% of the room and the draft provided by Alex (and used in the library's budget) did specify 50% at 50% of the cost.

-The group then went to go look at the partitions in the new room.

-Some members of the DCC had previously thought that only 'classroom' space would be needed and did not account for the library moving the children's book collection into the room. Joanne felt that the library would be able to work with the reduced space if need be.

-The group returned from the new room, and the discussion continued.

-As far as the expansion and contraction of the room via moveable furniture, there was a concern about who would move the furniture and how often it would need to be moved.

-Members of the DCC board reiterated that it was not about the money, but no other explicit explanation was given.

-DCC board and library board members agreed that this is a temporary solution. With the lease only running one year, this gives everyone a year to discuss and figure out long-term planning, such as perhaps moving the library into the big meeting room and/or consolidating the boards of the library and DCC.

Final details that were discussed:

- Air conditioning – the library (or grant) cannot pay for air conditioning , and either the DCC or the library can solicit a donation of a window unit.
- Events will not overlap between the DCC and the library. While any children's programs are happening, the room will be exclusively the library's.
- The grant does provide for cleaning services and the library will work out an arrangement with the DCC.
- The library will provide a rubber-backed runner for the entrance to the room, possibly provided by library board member Linda DeCarlo-Burns.
- Next steps - draft the lease and sign it. We will need to figure out how to get both lease terms onto the town fiscal year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40.

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