

Lydia Taft Pratt Library

Trustees Meeting

March 23, 2021

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sue Kern at 6:20 pm with Dena Marger, Jeanne Bristol, Lyle Holiday, Dave Schottland and Phyllis Emery attending. There were no guests present.

New members to the Lydia Taft Pratt Library board Lyle Holiday and Dave Schottland were welcomed.

Election of officers: After discussion the officers were selected:

Chair--Sue Kern

Vice Chair--Phyllis

Emery

Secretary--Dave Schottland

Treasurer--Lyle Holiday

Phyllis moved that the Secretary cast one vote for the slate of officers as presented, this was seconded by Jeanne. The motion carried.

Announcements: New members were asked for contact information to update our records. Sue and Dena mentioned that the American Rescue Plan includes money for libraries. The State Library will be sending out more information as it becomes available. Also, the Selectboard has distributed their revised grant policy.

Secretary's Report: Phyllis presented the minutes of the February 23, 2021 and moved that the minutes be accepted. Seconded by Jeanne and approved. A hard copy will be delivered to the town office.

Treasurer's Report: The budget report was presented by Sue for review.

Warrant was moved for approval by Sue and seconded by Lyle.

Librarian's Report: Circulation is up from last year at this time.

Regarding Covid 19: We are looking forward to opening the Library for in person visits. Hoping that the incident of positive cases will be dropping with increased immunizations. Discussion for opening guidelines will continue next month.

Programs: A Zoom book discussion will be held on Tuesday March 30 from 6 to 8 pm on the book by James Baldwin titled, "The Fire Next Time" In considering future book discussions Dena is looking for information regarding the community's interest, ie Racial Justice or Literary Fiction. Would participants prefer Zoom or face to face.

Newfane has invited our Library to participate with them on a shredding event to be held on May 15, along with the Townshend Library. There is a cost per town of \$250.00 and planners are considering asking participants to make a donation of \$10 per box to help offset the initial cost of this program. Discussion continues.

Summer Reading Program: Dena has applied for a \$200 Summer Reading Program Grant from the state of Vermont. She has names of families who may appreciate an outdoor story program. Possibly including weekly story events, craft giveaways, story walks and a closing event.

Collection: People are using OverDrive and enjoying it. Our contract will run out in July 2021. More information is needed to make a decision for the future of OverDrive for our patrons. Sixteen new books are available at the Library both fiction and nonfiction.

Volunteers continue to serve on Saturdays and although the attendance is low, they are helping with special projects.

finished and was submitted on March 10.

Annual Report: The Annual report is Dena has applied for Corona Relief Money from the Vermont Department of Libraries. This is in the form of a grant in the amount of \$400.00 to be used for technology to improve on line access for the community. Discussion regarding the best use for this grant continues.

Old Business: The annual book sale is tentatively scheduled for October. This is still in the planning stages.

Dummerston Community Center: Jeanne reported that the March meeting was cancelled. Jeanne will check on the availability of the Community Room for the fall fund raiser.

New business: Lyle has suggested that the Library have a sandwich board in Dummerston Center to

inform the community of the Library activities. A
meeting to address the position of the library in the Community Post-COVID is scheduled for April 27,
following the Trustees meeting.

Jeanne moved to adjourn, seconded by Lyle. The meeting was closed at 7:56pm

The next scheduled Library meeting is April 27 at 6:15 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Emery