

Lydia Taft Pratt Library
Trustees Meeting
April 27, 2021
(Draft)

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sue Kern at 6:05 with Dena Marger, Jeanne Bristol, Dave Schottland, Lyle Holiday, and Phyllis Emery attending. There were no guests present.

Additions to Agenda

- Vermont Community Fund Grant
- Purchase of an air purifier

Announcements

- The board discussed a possible change of day and time for future meetings. This was agreed to be put on the agenda for next month.
- Sue informed the board about an air purifier that she recommends for the library.

Secretary's Report

- Phyllis moved to approve the previous meeting's minutes. Jeanne seconded, and the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report

- The March budget report was distributed.
- A motion to approve the library warrant was made by Sue. This was seconded by Jeanne, and the motion was passed.
- Restroom Cleaning: The Community Center Board needs an invoice for the second half of the fiscal year for half the cost of cleaning the restrooms: \$5/month. Total: \$30. Dena will prepare the invoice.

Librarian's Report

Specific statistics can be found at the end of these notes.

-Racial Justice Book Group

- Dena discussed racial justice group from March 30, which included eight participants. This book group is going to continue meeting monthly.
- Vermont Humanities is having an online Zoom meeting with Angie Thomas, who wrote *The Hate You Give*, which will be used for next month's meeting.
- Dena mentioned that Dave wants to start a literary fiction group. Dena and Dave agreed to discuss this outside of the board meeting.

-Story Walks

Dena asked for ways to have better story walks, as signs have not worked well in the past. Pat LaBelle has suggested hanging panels along the chain link fence. Dena asked for help with getting that set up.

-Summer Programs

- Dena is expecting a grant, but has not heard anything about it. This grant will likely be \$200, which can be spent on anything, including outdoor canopies and seating for outdoor programming.
- There will possibly be weekly story time events, so Dena is looking for volunteers. She found someone and possibly other parents. Sometime in May, Dena is going to have an informal meeting with parents for making this program happen.
- Dave brought up having an open mic for outdoor programming. Dave asked about the piano teacher from the community room. Jeanne pointed out that he has been ill and not giving lessons.

-Collection

- Dena has been ordering lots of books, specifically children's books, including picture books.
- In the past, books have been dedicated to new babies in Dummerston. Dena spoke with the library's previous library, Karen Cawrse, about how that has worked.

-Overdrive E-Book Program

- People have been using it (14 people in March).
- The contract will expire in July, and VT Libraries may renew the contract or get something else.

-Community Center Board

- Community Center Board meetings will resume in May.
- Jeanne reported that she confirmed the booking for the use of the community room for the fall fundraiser (Book Sale and Silent Auction) on October 8, 9, and 10.
- Jeanne also reported that the other front room has been rented again.

-Reopening the Library

- The group discussed reopening the library, based on a proposal made by Dena. The proposal is based on Vermont's protocol.
- Lyle brought up people making reservations at the library.
- Sue suggested opening on May 4. Dena will have to do a press release and get the library prepared for reopening.
- After July 4, masks will not be required, but the library will have a choice of whether to use masks or not. It was agreed to discuss masks in a month or two.
- Phyllis brought up how the library is very small, making distancing difficult.
- Dena proposed reopening on May 11th. Lyle moved to reopen on May 11. Phyllis seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Vermont Community Fund Grant

- Dena applied for a \$1500 grant from the Vermont Community Fund for internet and technology related equipment. The grant money has been received.

- Dena proposed acquiring a laptop and creating an outdoor work station. Sue suggested acquiring Wi-Fi that reaches the community room.

May Board Meeting

- Lyle asked about meeting in person next month. The board agreed to meet in person on May 25th.

Lyle motioned to adjourn. This was seconded by Phyllis, and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Statistics for March 24- April 27 , 2021:

- **Library Visits**

	Weekday Attendance
Adult Visits	86
Children Visits	3
Total Visits:	89

- **Materials Circulation**

	Books	DVD/Audio	Children's Materials
LibraryWorld Statistics	(Number includes AV and Children's) 106	3	45
LW Renewals	26		
ILL	11		
Library World + ILL =Total	143		

Circulation			
Total Circulation Last Month	141		
Total circulation this time last year	Books: Renewals: + <u>26</u> <hr/>		