

**Lydia Taft Pratt Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 22, 2021**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Phyllis Emery at 5:08pm with Dena Marger, Dave Schottland, and Jeanne Bristol attending. Sue Kern attended via Zoom. There were no guests present.

Additions to Agenda

No additions were made to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Jeanne made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021 Board Meeting. Sue seconded the motion, and it was passed.

Treasurer's Report

-Budget Report

- \$1700 in grants was received during the last fiscal year.
- Dena will aim to spend \$1500 given by the State Library by the end of the calendar year. This money is to be spent on electronic equipment for public use.
- Last year the library received around double the amount of donations from the Annual Appeals than in recent years.
- The library received a generous donation from the Dummerston Community Chest again this year, in the amount of \$1400.

-Warrant Approval

Sue motioned to approve the most recent warrant, which was seconded by Dave, and the motion passed.

Librarian's Report

- The full Librarian's Report can be found at the end of this document.
- Dena will announce at *Tunes and Tales* on August 14 that dedications to newborn babies in Dummerston will be made in library books. Letters will be sent to parents first.
- Dena inquired if she will be compensated for her time attending community meetings as a representative of the library. Dave motioned for Dena to be compensated. Sue seconded, and the motion was passed.

Old Business

-COVID-19 Protocols

The library has been following COVID-19 protocols well, but restrictions have been loosening up. We are prepared to possibly become a bit stricter again.

-DCC Board Meeting

Jeanne did not attend this month's meeting. Jean Momaney will let us know if there is anything for us to know about.

-ARPA Application

- Dena will soon be working on this application.
- Jeanne will come in on Wednesday to help handle library guests, so that Dena can spend time working on the application.

-Fall Fundraiser

- Dena and Lyle met this month and will be putting together a crew for setting up and taking down any equipment and tents used.
- Jeanne and Phyllis will be joining the committee.
- Jean Newell may be asked to handle the cash box during the fundraiser.

-Strategic Planning

This type of planning is in the works and will be revisited next month.

New Business

-Book Drop Purchase

Dena will investigate the purchase of a new hands-free book drop.

-Summer Program Update

Dave reminded the board about the dates for the upcoming movie night (July 31), as well as the Tunes and Tales event (August 14). He then shared a picture of the inflatable screen to be used at the movie night.

Adjourn

At 6:31pm Jeanne motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded, and the motion was passed.

**LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
June 2021**

Statistics for June 25- July 22 , 2021:

- **Library Visits**

	Weekday Attendance
Adult Visits	72
Children Visits	44
Total Visits:	116

- **Materials Circulation**

	Books	DVD/Audio	Children's Materials
LibraryWorld Statistics	(Number includes AV and Children's) 187		59
LW Renewals	38		
ILL	16		
AudioBooks/eBooks	11		
Library World + ILL =Total Circulation	<u>252</u>		
Total Circulation Last Month	195		
Total LibraryWorld circulation this time last year	Books: Renewals: + <u>109</u>		

Programs

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Kids</u>
<u>Fiction Book Club</u>	6/28	4	
<u>Bandwagon</u>	7/3-7/4	3	3
<u>Story Time</u>	7/1	6	8
<u>Story Time</u>	7/8	6	6

<u>Story Time</u>	7/15	6	7
<u>Story Time</u>	7/22	5	4
<u>Totals:</u>		30	28

Narrative

- **New Library Users**

In the first six months of 2021, we've had 22 new library users sign up for library accounts, compared with 15 at this same time last year.

- **Programs**

- **NextStage Bandwagon Summer Series Pass**

- Five people have made use of it already

- **Literary fiction group**

- Literary fiction group is scheduled for Monday July 26. The book is The Circle by Dave Eggers

- **Summer Reading Program**

- Nothing new to report
- Still hoping to get a storywalk here
- Still planning events to coincide with the Tunes and Tales event (e.g. book and swag giveaways, etc)

- **Weekly Story Time program**

- See Statistics above
- Parents have been rotating "Hosting" the story time, which is working out pretty well

- **Collection**

- We received a book shipment today, via one of the neighbors on West st. It seems Brodart had the wrong address for us. I emailed.
- New Baby Dedication books are in process. Thinking about announcing this at the Tunes and Tales???

- **In the Library**

- Thinking about a new bookdrop

- **Community Outreach**

- I've been attending the party planning meetings for the Dummerston Cares End-Of-Summer party. I think this is an excellent outreach opportunity for us. Phyllis

has also been attending these, and Dave is planning to perform at this event and also help with sound etc, as I understand it.

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Submitted respectfully,

Dena Marger 7/22/21