

Trustee Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2020, 7:00pm, Leverett Library, 75 Montague Rd, Leverett

Present:

Natane Halasz, library director, Chris Condit, Joan Godsey, Georgie Schmid, Elaine Barker, Rachel Flint, Gerald McFarland

Approve February 2020 minutes

Joan Godsey moved to accept minutes, Georgie Schmid seconded, all accepted, motion passed.

*Natane has registered for the conference in June, hopefully it will go ahead. \$98.

Money available

Operating \$5196.24

Salaries \$19273.75

Building \$7362.22

State Aid \$27963.66

Gift \$91124 (Van Steenberg bequest) + \$1754

Field/Maynard \$2775.90 (Interest \$11.52)

Revolving (Fines) \$689.88

Revolving (Copier/Fax/Printing) \$933.47

Circulation

	February 2019	February 2020
CWMARS	2487	2558
Overdrive	357	375

February open hours

February: 114 (closed one hour early on a Tuesday due to inclement weather)

Events & happenings at the library

Tracks & Pelts w/ Julie Collier, Sunday, 02/02, 2pm (45) Event was very well attended.

Worm Composting Workshop with Ben Goldberg, Sunday, 02/09, 3pm (15)

Library Legislative Breakfast, Friday, 02/21, 7:30am-9am (60) Very successful. Thanks given for all of the support. Joan Godsey: a hand-held microphone would be helpful for large events like this. G. McFarland (representative of Friends) mentioned that this will be discussed during his report.

UMass Amherst Libraries Art & Copyright Talk & Reception/Exhibit, Thursday, 02/27, 6:30pm (5) The few that attended enjoyed the talk.

Ongoing:

Strength Training for 40+ with Kathy Sward, Tuesdays at 2:30pm (approx. 12-14 participants)

Family Scrabble Club, Tuesdays, 3:15pm (continued from last year, 4-6 regulars)

Tuesday Music Gatherings, 6:30pm (between 2 and 6)

Electronic Device Drop-in Help with Leah Larkey, up to two Thursdays per month, 6pm

Uke Strum Along, 6:45pm one Thursday per month (10-15)

Community Room usage:

Used CR at least once in February: Tales & Tunes Story Hour; Yoga for Stress Reduction; Tai Chi; Qigong; Leverett Literature Group; Rattlesnake Gutter Trust; Nancy Emond watercolor class

March/Upcoming:

Julie Ann Collier Art Reception, Sunday, 03/01, 2pm

Protections for Elders and the Massachusetts Judicial System with Honorable Justice Linda Fidnick, Saturday, 03/14, 12:30pm

The Silent Service: Life under water in a nuclear submarine, with Jim Field and Steve Purdy, with Mitch Mulholland, Sunday, 03/15, 2pm

Leverett Historical Commission 250th Anniversary Organizing Committee, Sunday, 03/22, 2pm-5pm

PJ Story Time/Stuffie Sleepover, Friday, 03/27, 6:30pm

Happier Valley Comedy Show (family-friendly), Sunday, 03/29, 3pm (sponsored by Leverett Cultural Council)

Libraries in the Woods Community Read, Braiding Sweetgrass, March, April & May:

- Elizabeth James-Perry, Saturday, 03/28, 1:30pm
- An Appreciation of Trees w/ Jean Bergstrom of Her Wild Roots, 04/11, 1pm
- Seed-Saving Libraries: Growing Gardens, Giving Back with UMass Amherst Libraries, Saturday, 04/18, 1:30pm
- Secrets of plants: Little Known Facts, Folklore & history w/ Dawn Marvin-Ward, Sunday, 04/19, 2pm
- Book discussion, Thursday, 04/30, 6:30pm
- Boat Loan Program Launch and Celebration of Leverett Pond, Sunday, 05/03, time TBA

Friends of Leverett Library report

Friends have been giving mugs to programming people who donate their time (music on the patio, etc.), but are switching it up to giving gift cards for consumables from the co-op.

Pre-town meeting planning on April 15th.

There was an offer from an individual to give up to \$10,000 in matching funds to the Friends for a fundraising campaign. The money could be tagged for a variety of uses, or it could go into the trust fund. This is just in its early beginning of planning. More information will come.

Building/Grounds/Equipment

Geothermal update (John Kuczek unable to attend tonight due to illness): Bad news: when Jamrog got into the 4 ton unit (over the kid area), they found the compressor had burned out and carbonized the system. They wrote up a quote, which Natane received on Feb. 27: \$7,985. Another compressor will have to be cut out, and might be used for parts. Margie McGinnis emailed Natane saying the select board had agreed to cover \$3,000 and asking if the library and board had a plan to pay for the additional \$7,985 to replace the compressor and repair the damage. John Kuczek told Jamrog to go ahead with the job. Natane said she would talk about it at the next trustee meeting. **The trustees**

discussed the situation and believe that Jamrog is at fault for not examining the system during their initial estimate and should be liable for the additional cost. The trustees would therefore like a separate warrant article issued for the town meeting for the amount to cover the additional maintenance expense to the system. The trustees would be pleased to further discuss the situation either with the select board or at the town meeting. The library board of trustees respectfully submits that this situation should be negotiated between the town administration and Jamrog.

Solar update (H BR 2866 Behind meter net metering): See attachments. Joan Godsey to speak to the planning board, Margie McGinnis, etc.

Technology update: We are still having trouble with the firewall. Something “funky” is going on with it, but we don’t have a fix yet. We are having some other issues with printing from a device over the network.

Policy Review/Updates

Art Donations policy (draft): tabled until next meeting.

New Business

COVID 19: changes today were happening hour by hour. Natane wrote to the board of health to invite them to the meeting. She did not get a response, but Mike, from the board of health was at the library and approached her. He told Natane that there is a meeting at LES at 9:00 am for department heads. Further discussion may be necessary in terms of how to deal with programming. We also need to consider staffing. Safety measures for patrons? Safety measures for volunteers? If they close the school, do we close down? After tomorrow morning’s meeting, we will reassess. Friday night we can meet briefly.

Next meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 7:00pm
June meeting change/cancellation

Meeting concluded at 8:32

Respectfully Submitted by Rachel Flint