

Library Trustee Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2020, 7:00pm, Leverett Library, 75 Montague Rd, Leverett

Present: Joan Godsey, Georgie Schmid, Chris Condit, Rachel Flint, Lisa Werner, Elaine Barker, Natane Halasz, Director, Leslie Fiset, Friends, George Lockwood, Leverett Energy Committee
Submitted by Chris Condit

Approve January 2020 minutes: Georgie moved to accept minutes with one minor change, Elaine seconded, unanimously approved

Money available

Operating \$6931.52

Salaries \$23457.70

Building \$9144.09

State Aid \$27963.66

Gift \$91124 (Van Steenberg bequest) + \$1474.66

Field/Maynard \$2774.15 (Interest \$9.77)

Revolving (Fines) \$632.47

Revolving (Copier/Fax/Printing) \$933.47

FY21 budget hearing report – a nominal response to Natane’s excellent presentation

Leverett Cultural Council grants:

\$650 (Libraries in the Woods Community Read)

\$500 (Drawing Workshop series for Youth)

\$350 (Swing & Salsa Lesson series) – Saturday afternoons in the Fall

ALA Facilitation for Small Libraries Travel Award to Natane to go – Lisa moved we pay Natane the \$100 to register for the meeting, Chris seconded, all voted “aye”

Circulation... CWMARs is up!

	January 2019	January 2020
CWMARS	2776	3131
Overdrive	370	365

January open hours

An additional 2020 closed date to add: Saturday, May 2, Annual Town Meeting

Events & happenings at the library

January:

Author Talk: Chaya Grossberg & Freedom from Psychiatric Drugs, Thursday, 01/16, 6:30pm (5)

Electronics Take Apart w/ Seth Seeger, Wednesday, 01/22, 1pm (20)

Intro to Chess w/ Andy Morris-Friedman, Thursday, 01/23, 6:30pm (2)

Uke Strum Along w/ Julie Stepanek, Thursday, 01/30, 6:45pm (10)

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 January: Tales & Tunes Story Hour; Yoga for Stress Reduction; Tai Chi; Qigong; Leverett Literature Group; Rattlesnake Gutter Trust

February/Upcoming:

Tracks & Pelts w/ Julie Collier, Sunday, 02/02, 2pm (45)

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

Library Legislative Breakfast, Friday, 02/21, 7:30am-9am

UMass Amherst Libraries Art & Copyright Talk & Reception/Exhibit, Thursday, 02/27, 6:30pm

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

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) – They are great!

Libraries in the Woods Community Read, Braiding Sweetgrass, March, April & May – there will be a web page for this

Elizabeth James Perry (a citizen of the Wampanoag tribe), Saturday, 03/28, 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, 2pm

In the works...Community Pot-luck, Film screening, seed saving workshop

Friends of Leverett Library report

Leslie Fisetto said they hadn't had a meeting since the board's last meeting.

Building/Grounds/Equipment

Geothermal update – Jamrog to start work 2/13 (and did) and hope to be done by Friday

Wifi firewall update –issues remain with being blocked from some sites. This may well complicate census workers efforts...

FRCOG Workplace Safety Workshop on 01/09/20 – Natane attended.

Three take homes for us:

- 1) they recommended a panic button be installed; the board asked Natane to look into that and report back as we'd like that very much;
- 2) use of 911 from a landline evokes a faster response time than a 911 call from a cell phone, especially so in the land of sparse cell towers because they can immediately know your location;

3) if you can't talk on the phone after you connect, just set the phone aside and don't hang up, it could help the 911 response process.

Policy Review/Updates

Art Donations policy (draft) – we tabled this discussion until next meeting 'cause Chris ended up with Natane's notes from our discussion on this from the January meeting, and upon hearing this, he realized he had seen same in his notes from last meeting, found them, and returned them to her, right before the board's very eyes!

CWMARS/MBLC/MLS updates

None noted.

New Business

With respect to installing solar panels on the library: George Lockwood from Leverett Energy Committee said the solar panels between the Elementary School and Public Services building maxes out the 10 KW capacity aka "net cap" we can put on a single parcel of land, according to John Ward and Claire Chen of Greenfield Solar Store. Thus, we need to work around that to legally install solar panels on Library. He'll look into where they got their information and get back to us so we can work around it. Another possible problem in terms of installing solar panels is that it may be illegal to string lines to transmit energy across parcels of land, possibly complicating where to put them. There is a bill in the state legislature to change that "net cap" according to George.

We designated a time of 6:15 PM Thursday 2/20 evening to set up library for the Legislative Breakfast that starts on Friday 2/21 at 7:30.

Next meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 7:00pm