

Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2019, 7:30 pm. Leverett Library, 75 Montague Rd. Leverett

Present: Natane Halasz, Lisa Sullivan-Werner, Chris Condit, Georgie Schmid, Joan Godsey, Elaine Barker, Rachel Flint, Kathy Weller (representative from the Friends of the Leverett Library).

Approval of April 2019 minutes

Money available as of May 1, 2019: Operating: \$4870 19% remaining
Building: \$3970 16% remaining
Gift \$335 Not yet reimbursed by the
cultural council, \$700, so actual Gift amount is closer to 1200.

Circulation:

| | April 2019 | April 2018 |
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| CWMARS | 2,556 | 2,297 |
| Overdrive | 336 | 347 |

April open hours: 95 hours opened. Closed on Sunday, April 21 (Easter) and Saturday, April 27 (Annual Town Meeting).

Next Trustee meeting moved to June 5 because the Select Board wants to talk about Van Steenberg funds: They meet on June 11, and 3 trustees will come.

Ideas were floated for many possible uses of Van Steenberg funds, including: website development, expanding of hours, using the new long range plan for ideas...

Friends of Leverett Pond kayak/canoe loan program update: Natane talked with Jim Fields about kayak loan circulation. There was an idea to split with the Leverett Coop. An online system might be useful for making bookings.

Events and Happenings at the Library

April events:

- Electronics Take Apart with Seth Seeger, Thursday 04/04, 3pm (8)
- Leverett Pond: Past, Present, & Future, Saturday, 04/06 (45)
- Leverett Community Co-op Story Hour, Sunday 04/07, 10am (6 kids and various parents)
- Poetry reading with editors Janet MacFadyen and Maria Williams, Sunday, 04/07, 2pm (2)
- Uke strum along with Julie Stepanek, Thursday 04/11, 6:45pm (9)
- Perspectives on the North Pond Hermit & Mental Health with Gail A. Hornstein, Saturday, 4/13, 1pm (14)
- Aerial Imagery of Casco Bay, Maine, Sunday, 04/14 (16)
- Stranger in the Woods Book Discussion, Thursday, 04/25. 6:30pm (12)
- Movie Night, Leave No Trace, Friday, 04/26, 7:30pm (5)

Ongoing:

Strength Training for 40+ with Kathy Sward, Tuesdays at 2:30pm
Family Scrabble Club, Tuesdays, 3:15pm
Electronic Device Drop-in hHelp with Leah Larkey, two Thursdays per month, 6pm

Community Room Usage:

Used CR at least once in April: TAles & Tunes Story Hour, Watercolor class, Yoga for Stress REduction, Tai Chi, Qigong, Leverett Literature Group

Upcoming events:

Ukelele strum along with Julie Stepanek, Thursday, 05/09, 6:45pm
Library Book Group (Regeneration by Pat Barker) Thursday, 05/16, 6:30pm
Leverett Pond Film Screenings, Sunday 05/12 & 05/19, 2pm
Childhood asthma presentation, Saturday, 05/18, 1 pm
Storytelling Workshop for families, Sunday, 05/19, 1pm
LES School BAnd performance, probably Tuesday, 05/21, 4 pm
Natane visiting LES during their book fair & Ice Cream Social (outreach about summer reading) Thursday 05/23, 5pm Theme: Universe of Stories
Happier Valley Improv Comedy Show on Thursday, 05/30, 7-8 pm
Summer Reading kick-Off with Henry LAppen the Juggler, Tuesday, 06/25, 3:15pm
OTELCO funded technology workshops- under development with Leverett IT Jeffrey Pooser. Saturdays in July and August.
Fern Presentation and Walk, Saturday, 07/13, 1pm
Music on the Patio, Thursdays 7pm in June, July, and August
Movie Night: May 24, 7:30pm: Apollo 11 (2019)

Friends of Leverett Library Report: Comfy chairs a good idea to bring more people to the movies. They do stack. Are there codes we need to consider? Ask Margie. 3 bags of seed were spread in the field. \$300 was made on coffee, donuts, and mugs at the town meeting.

Building/Grounds:

Cleaning: Shelley will be doing it.
HVAC system: Chris and Natane are meeting with John Kusick in late may to discuss.
Elm tree planting: Leslie's been finding out about size, and the Friends are dealing with it.

Library website: Montague webworks might be the right people to do this. They have done a few libraries including Athol and Greenfield. Reviews were overwhelmingly positive from those libraries. Also, they have reasonable fees and ongoing support. They can also host the site. It is time to divorce Crocker. Montague webworks built the town website. Natane would like to approach them and start getting in underway. Discussion followed about desirable website features: graphics, comments area, -teen, -adults -kids -frends sections. Lisa S-W moved that the Trustees approve Natane approaching Montague Webworks for information and a price quote. Georgie seconded, motion passed.

Long Range Planning process:

Possible facilitators: Fay Zipkowitz and Gordon Fretwell. Next step: information for Fay and Gordon, meet with Fay and Gordon. Use the backward planning process to plan for the committee. One trustee should be on the planning committee. The process needs to be completed by October 1.

Officers Lisa S-W was nominated by Chris Condit for chair, Chris was nominated by Lisa Rotating secretary. All approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45pm.