

Lowell Community Library
Library Trustee Meeting
April 16, 2024

Trustees/Librarian Present: Nancy Allen, Brandie Cochran, Katherine Pion, Jenn Higgins
Absent: Faye Starr, Debbie Manning

1. Call to order: 5:30
2. Any additions/deletions/changes to today's agenda? Need to assign a trustee as Chairperson
3. Review of Minutes from previous meeting: approved
4. Treasurer's Report: Nancy shared an update from Becky - the library has spent a total of \$466.20 on new books since Jan. 1, including several books and series for school-aged kids as well as adult titles. We restated our understanding that we will need to use the "carry-over" money in addition to the \$6500 approved at Town Meeting, since our proposed 2024 budget was not considered or voted on at Town Meeting. Jenn Blay donated a gift she received for volunteering from the Newport Rotary Club to the library - THANK YOU JENN!
5. Librarian's Report: Nancy reported that 15 students from the school (K, 1 & 2) visited the Community Library Tuesday 4/9! The visit went well, the students all listened to a read-aloud or two and were excited to pick out a books that will be shared in their classrooms. The teachers and Nancy plan to have repeat visits about once/month through the school year. The students were excited about revisiting with class and also with their families. There have been 10, 8, 20, 11, 7 library patron visits/day since our last meeting.
6. Committee Reports: NA
7. Old Business:
Re-visit summer plans for students: Nancy shared some of the materials she has gathered for the "Our World Village" reading program for summer. Trustees approved purchase of several games for outdoor time during the summer. Nancy will find out how much a presentation about birds might cost as a last-session celebration for us to discuss at our next meeting. Brandie will reach out again to the Lunchbox program to perhaps add to our summer program, search for a picnic table, and make/laminate some signs/posters. Jenn will research what is available through the state for Story Walks. Katherine will share the login info for the Facebook page so we can all contribute.
*Summer program dates are: 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30.
8. New Business:
Fill out grant application for Jay Focus Group/Choose book-drop box: Trustees chose a Drop-Box to order so we have a specific amount to request. Jenn will send the application in to the Jay Focus Group.
9. Meeting Adjourned at: 6:35

Thank you everyone! **Next meeting is 5/14/24 at 5:30. Bring your gardening gloves and tools, we will be weeding and meeting outside!**

Notes respectfully submitted by Jenn Higgins