

Lewiston Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2011

Members present: Art Turley, Chair; Anne Kemper, Jennifer GendronCarlton, John Painter, Phil Isaacson, Ted Walworth

Others present: Rick Speer, Director of LPL, Ed Cormier, APL Board Member

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The Minutes of the October 13 meeting were approved.

Mr. Speer gave the Directors Report. The City has requested that the Library obtain insurance appraisals for its three major works of art (Hartley, Manning, and Indiana). The new videoconferencing equipment was recently used for the first time to stream a broadcast from the Portland Public Library. LPL's Rosetta Stone programs are being promoted via email and flyers. Mr. Speer announced three new staff hires: Ian Cunningham (Building monitor), Becky Labonte and Pete Alberda (library assistants). 25 new chairs ordered for the Second Floor arrived with the wrong finish; they will be replaced at no charge.

Discussion ensued about the recent meeting of the Objectives Committee, held on November 2, attended by John Painter and Ted Walworth. The Library Staff is still finalizing its list. Major concerns were involvement with seniors and reading groups in the community, free parking for library users, and Sunday hours. This last matter is still up for consideration with APL. Further determinations are forthcoming and will be brought up at the December board meeting.

Phil Isaacson recommended that the William Manning painting, which is on the wall next to the entrance into Callahan Hall, not be moved or covered with an expensive plexiglass frame. The other board members concurred.

Anne Kemper reported that the Annual Meeting of the Friends of LPL on November 6, which featured the illustrated talk by Erica Hirschler, was very well attended.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Z. Walworth
Secretary