

## **LPL Board of Library Trustees**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**October 9, 2014**

Board members present: Jennifer GendronCarleton, Elizabeth Clifford, Anne Kemper, Art Turley, John Painter, Darby Ray, Adam Sherman & Ted Walworth.

Others present: APL Board representative Bill Low, David Moorhead & Rick Speer.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by chairperson Jennifer GendronCarleton.

Children's Librarian David Moorhead presented the annual report from the Children's Department and answered questions from the Board.

The 9/11/14 meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

Rick presented the Library Directors Report. Due to the recent increase in behavior-related incidents the library has engaged the services of an overtime police officer to work at the library for one evening per week for an eight-week period. LPL has entered discussions with the Maine International Center for Digital Learning regarding a proposed project that could possibly fund the development of a "Fab Lab" maker space in the library.

Rick provided an overview of the current situation regarding the spike in behavior incidents involving library users and reviewed the library's written Behavior Procedure. It was moved by Ted and seconded by Anne to accept the latest revision of the Behavior Procedure and to communicate their support for the staff in dealing with these incidents. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick presented a detailed report on the August 8 staff retreat which included the following preliminary vision statement developed by the staff at the event:

*Preliminary Vision Statement: In the future, the Lewiston Public Library is more than just a place where people get knowledge from books.*

*It is a place where people get knowledge and skills and sense of community from other people. The library is not just a provider of resources but a connector of a wide variety of people getting resources from a wide variety of sources.*

*And it's not just about books. The library lends tools and crafts and art and high tech devices and many other non-traditional materials. The library is a center for shared ideas; a place where conversations happen not just between author and reader but between neighbors, one-on-one, and in classes and in meetings.*

*And it's not just a place. It is a wealth of connections to resources via a top notch website and other high tech tools. And it has a presence in many places throughout the community.*

*And it's not just about getting knowledge, it's about creating knowledge. The library helps people create and share knowledge with each other. All people are able to learn how to use the things they borrow.*

*The physical library is a multi-cultural, community-embedded, supportive learning and creating space. It includes places to browse and read books but it also includes spaces for making things and for group sharing of ideas. The interior design is welcoming, pleasing, and conducive to sharing and creating knowledge.*

*The library staff is larger and works more collaboratively. The library does a good job of assessing and adapting to community needs.*

*The library does an excellent job of promoting itself in the community. In many different ways it makes all kinds of people aware of all that it offers. It continually reminds the community of the value that it delivers.*

Elizabeth presented a report on the 9/17/14 meeting of the APL Board which she attended. Much of the meeting was devoted to their upcoming annual meeting of incorporators. They adopted the Microfilm MOU. They are hiring a development assistant for 20 hours weekly. APL is also dealing with behavior issues.

Rick reported that the latest meeting of the Joint LPL/APL Board subcommittee was cancelled due to the fact that the APL director was injured and unavailable to attend.

Jennifer appointed Elizabeth, Anne and Darby to the LPL Objectives Committee for this year to develop objectives for FY2016.

Elizabeth was appointed to the Joint LPL/APL Board subcommittee to serve along with Art and Ted.

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rick Speer, Secretary Pro Tem