

Lewiston Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2011

Members present: Art Turley, chair; Anne Kemper, Judy Gervais, Jennifer GendronCarlton, Phil Isaacson, Ted Walworth

Others present: Rick Speer, Director of LPL

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

Mr. Speer gave the Director's report. Jake (Jacob) Paris, currently the Childrens Technician at LPL, has been hired as the Adult Services Librarian. He has been quite active and involved with the LPL website. He took part in the Androscoggin Leadership Institute and is pursuing a MLS degree.

Mr. Speer announced that the LPL website will remain semi-autonomous from the City's overall site.

We had further discussion about the William Manning painting in the corridor outside the Callahan room. The options are to leave the work, recently repaired, in its current site or to hang it higher on the wall or cover it with plexiglass or mount it on the South wall above the staircase. The overall sentiment was to look into hanging it higher on the wall where it currently hangs in the Callahan lobby. The director was instructed to work with Phil Isaacson, Bill Low (Bates College Museum of Art) and Kevin Callahan (Kimball Street Studios) to determine the best location.

Art Turley reported that the issue of Sunday hours at APL and LPL is on hold. There is no point in distributing a questionnaire about library utilization until the end of summer. He stated that the 2012 City budget

called for flat-funding book purchases, some cuts in travel expenses and utilities, and cuts in capital items such as rugs and a microfilm reader.

Anne Kemper, President of the Friends of LPL, discussed the recent meeting of the Friends. All Friends membership fees will be raised by \$5 in the fall. \$8,000 went towards equipment last year. Over the next few months \$4,000 has been approved to spend on chairs and \$6,000 on books. The Friends are supporting the use of e-readers, the Great Falls Forum, and the Art Van.

In the final evaluation of the FY2011 Objectives, 8 of 16 were achieved, 4 were not, and 4 were not funded in the budget. Some of the unachieved objectives will be pursued in FY2012.

Ted Walworth will join Margaret and Judy Head on the Great Falls Forum planning committee.

Mr. Speer reported that future Endowment Fund budgets will need to be approved by the City Council. Several Board members expressed concern about this impending change in city policy. Judy Gervais, Phil Isaacson and Art will meet with the City Administrator in this regard.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM. The next meeting will be on September 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Z. Walworth
Secretary