

Lewiston Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2011

Members present: Art Turley, Chair; Judy Gervais, Jennifer GendronCarlton, Anne Kemper, Phil Isaacson, John Painter, Margaret Craven, Judy Head, Ted Walworth

Others present: Rick Speer, Director of LPL

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Hugh Judge of R. M. Davis gave the semi-annual Endowment Fund Investment Advisor's Report. Even given the erratic behavior of the market over the last few months, the portfolio was felt to be holding its own. No major shifts or changes were recommended.

The Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

The FY2011 Endowment Fund Report was presented and discussed. The Endowment Fund balance on 6/30/2011 was \$1,300,351.

The FY2012 Budget of the Endowment Fund was then reviewed. Less will be spent on the teen program due to the departure of Molly Ladd. There will be less capital spending. Potential expenditures for eBooks for children were to be considered. A Budget of \$45,400 was moved and passed.

Mr. Speer gave his Report. The more liberal use of the conference room by community organizations over the last six months was successful, so this policy will now be permanent. The city administrator and city attorney are still working on rules governing the approval of Endowment Fund expenditures. The new and improved microfilm reader/printer/scanner is now in operation. New video-conferencing equipment has been delivered and will be set up soon. Megan Emery has been hired to fill the position of Children's' Library Technician. The Report was accepted.

The joint APL/LPL subcommittee had little to report, due to the summer interlude. Jennifer will attend the next APL board meeting that is open to us on November 16.

Jake Paris will assume supervision of the Teen Program and will monitor usage. Bates students will be involved via the Harward Center.

Anne Kemper updated the Board about the forthcoming activities of the Friends of LPL, including a planned meeting in January with invitations extended to the members of the City Council and the School Committee plus LA Arts.

Jennifer GendronCarleton reported that she is co-chairing the Lewiston Downtown Neighborhood Action Committee which is charged with implementing the City's Downtown Neighborhood Action Plan. Since the Library is named as a partner in many of the Plan's action items, she intends to encourage the Committee to reach out to the Library for resources, thus helping LPL to gain more visibility in the community.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM. The next meeting is scheduled on October 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Walworth
Secretary