

LPL Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2016

Board members present: Jennifer Gendron Carleton, Elizabeth Clifford, Darby Ray, Anne Kemper, Noel Madore, ZamZam Mohamud, Sarah Yasin

Others present: Rick Speer and Mark Foster, APL Board of Trustees

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairperson Jennifer Gendron Carleton. The meeting minutes from February 4, 2016 were unanimously approved as distributed.

Hugh Judge and John Doughty from R.M. Davis presented the Investment Advisor's Report.

- Forecast: U.S. Economy is, in fact, moving forward at about a 2% rate. Slow growth.

Welcome to new LPL Board member Sarah Yasin, who is a poet/writer and former school teacher.

Rick presented the Director's report, which was unanimously approved.

- Board members are encouraged to attend the City Council's budget review workshop on 4/12/16 at 6:00 pm.
- Linda Thompson will move from part-time to full-time, becoming the new Lending Services Assistant.
- March 5 library closure for IT maintenance
- Teen Aspirations Series – a six-part series led by Bates – has begun.
- Participated in the middle school's full day/evening "Read Across America" event – signed 30 youth up for library cards!
- Spring Author Series will begin on March 24 with Kate Braestrup, Monica Wood and others.
- Lots of great upcoming programs – Board members welcome!
- Security update: Better recently. The building monitors don't want to work for Securitas, which is the company the staff has been considering hiring. In order to keep our current team, which is a good one, Rick would like to try to handle this in-house.
- Circulation discussion: There is no statewide trend. Rick shared a comparison chart. Lewiston and Bangor show a steady down-trend over the past few years. Explanations for our downturn? – maybe because of our reduced hours, the fact that we haven't been able to buy as many books, security challenges, and/or parking challenges. . . ?

Discussion of budget request for library materials

- How to encourage library supporters to attend Council budget workshop?

APL Board Meeting Report was shared by Anne Kemper.

- Their online silent auction is coming up.
- A large collection of beautiful local maps was given or sold to the Maine State Library.

- Discussion of imminent increase in high-speed internet cost. (At LPL, we anticipate a \$1700 increase per year.)
- Jonathan LaBonte is participating in meetings. He asked what the libraries have been doing to prepare for a consolidation of services; wondered whether we need to keep both physical plants.

Next LPL Board meeting: April 7, 5:30 pm