

LPL Library Board of Trustees Meeting
May 5, 2016

Members present: Jennifer Gendron Carleton, Noel Madore, Anne Kemper, Sarah Yasin, ZamZam Mohamud, and Darby Ray

Others present: Rick Speer and Kirk Egge (APL)

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jennifer Gendron Carleton at 5:35 pm.

The minutes from the April 7, 2016 Board meeting were unanimously approved.

The Director's Report was unanimously approved.

- Relatively good news re: the FY 2017 library budget:
 - The City Council approved a 33% increase in our materials budget lines, which restores half of what was cut two years ago. Thanks to the Board members who were able to attend the budget workshop.
 - They also approved funding for expanded building monitoring, the replacement of the microprocessor controls on one of the elevators, and four new video surveillance cameras. During the time when the elevator is out of commission to replace the microprocessor controls, there may be some grumbling, but we expect everything will be fine. The camera costs are higher than anticipated, so we won't be able to get four of them.
- Update on Marsden Hartley painting: A photographer and conservation specialist will visit soon to do a shoot and create a print of the painting, which will be posted at LPL while the painting is in New York.
- If anyone has suggestions for Great Falls Forum speakers/presenters for next year, please send them to Rick, Darby, or Ted within the next few weeks.
- Update on a/v system in Callahan: Estimate is \$6,000-7,000 to get a decent system. Hope to share the cost among the Friends of the Library, the City, and the LPL operating budget.
- Two good friends and patrons of the library died recently: Helen Archambault and June Griffin
- Update on Callahan Hall and the Marsden Hartley Cultural Center: Rick will meet with Larry Raymond next week to discuss.
- Rick will have a hip replacement on May 27. He will be out for at least three weeks. We wish him a full and speedy recovery!

The public hearing for the Internet Services Policy of the library was conducted.

- A major revision is necessary to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Due to a recent federal ruling, it is no longer financially feasible to offer unfiltered Internet access.
- The proposed revised policy would block users from access to obscene visual depictions, child pornography, and material considered harmful to minors by applying filters. The

policy would allow library staff to remove the filters upon reasonable request by anyone 17 or older. Children can have the filters disabled with parental consent. Thus, if a user's desired website is blocked by filters, there are options for still gaining access to the site.

- There will be resources for parents regarding appropriate use of the Internet for minors.
- We will use the filters to block pornography. Many libraries around the state, including Auburn, use the filters without incident.
- A motion to approve the new Internet Services Policy in place of the old policy was unanimously approved.

Friends of LPL report

- Friends is a 501(3)c, meeting quarterly and providing important support, as well as a vehicle for applying for grants.
- They also act like an annual fund, raising \$7,000-8,000 per year.
- They expand our book budget; provide valuable programming money, especially for kids and teens programs; contribute to furniture upgrades and other special projects; and provide discretionary funds for staff use.
- Board members are encouraged to join the Friends, which is as easy as just joining! There are 160-180 Friends who contribute annually, and there are 8-10 people on the Friends of the Library Board.
- Discussion of past practice of hosting a joint LPL/APL book sale. Lots of complicated logistics make this a less than ideal program to revive. Happily, the sale rack inside the library produces more income than the sale typically did.
- The Friends Board will discuss the possibility of taking on the Festival of Trees project.

Joint LPL/APL Board meeting: Did not happen in May because could not find a good date; there were also staffing issues. Jennifer will work with others to find another date.

APL Board meeting report

- Discussion of the budget was the main focus. The cuts from the City (approx \$45,000) could have dire consequences – e.g., cut-back of staff hours and library hours. Are working to identify other funding streams, including within the City.
- The NASA exhibit is cool! Board members are encouraged to check it out.

Old Business

- Jennifer is still working on the parking validation issue.

The next meeting will be September 1. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm. Enjoy the spring and summer!