

LPL Board of Library Trustees

Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2014

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

Others present: APL Board representative Doris Bonneau & Rick Speer.

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

The 11/13/14 meeting minutes were approved as distributed. (Motion: Ted; seconded: John)

Rick presented the Library Directors Report. Our strategy for bringing in an overtime police officer for one evening per week for that eight week period appears to have worked. We have gone from a weekly average of 12 incidents and 2 police calls in Sept down to 4 incidents and 1 police call weekly in Nov. The director's report was approved. (Motion: Darby; seconded: Anne)

Elizabeth, Anne, Darby and Rick reported on the proposed library objectives for FY2016 which were developed by the Objectives Committee. The group has decided to prioritize the objectives this year. The Committee is also recommending that Library Staff articulate a more accurate set of service priorities and library goals due to the fact that over the recent past, the objectives tend to list only new initiatives to be addressed, leaving out the full picture of the range of services that the library provides on a regular basis. Rick said that the staff was in the process of developing such a document. The FY2016 Objectives were approved as presented. (Motion: Darby; seconded: Art)

The Board then discussed which of the objectives should go into the list of major budget initiatives for FY2016. It was decided that three should be included: the two dealing with library security issues (improving security staffing through training of current monitors or contracting with an outside security firm and expanding the capabilities of the video surveillance system) and increasing the number of public internet computers (along with moving them to the area in front of the Reference Desk). (Motion: Darby; seconded: Liz)

The calendar year 2016 Holidays were approved as presented. (Motion: Art; seconded: Anne)

The Nominating Committee (Darby and Anne) presented their recommended slate of officers for the next calendar year: Chair: Jennifer GendronCarleton; and Secretary: Adam Sherman. The slate was elected unanimously. (Motion: Ted; seconded: Liz)

Rick reported that he was planning to use \$3,110 in capital funding from the Endowment Budget to purchase 4 tables and 8 chairs for the first floor of the Library. These would be purchased to match the new furnishings being purchased for the first floor Lisbon Street windows by the Friends of LPL. No objections were raised concerning this announcement.

Jennifer and Rick presented a schedule for LPL board member attendance at APL board meetings for January through December of 2015.

Darby asked if board members would consider moving the LPL board meetings to another date as we currently conflict with a major community event (The Corner, a storytelling event that takes place at Guthries on the second Thursday of each month). One possibility might be to hold the LPL Board meetings on the first Thursday of the month. Jennifer asked board members to send any thoughts about this proposal to her.

Art Turley was presented with a plaque and a book recognizing his 9 years of service on the LPL Board which included 2 years serving as chairperson. Art's third and final term ends in early January. He was recognized for his service which has included involvement on the AVCNet Board, the Central Maine Library District Board and his current seat on the Maine Library Commission.

Jennifer announced that Mayor Macdonald has appointed ZamZam Mohamud to the Board seat that was vacated by Mohamed Abdillahi's resignation earlier this year. Her partial term will expire on January 1, 2016.

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. (Motion: Ted; seconded: Liz)

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Speer, Secretary Pro Tem