

## **Lewiston Public Library Board of Trustees**

### **Minutes: March 2, 2017**

**Members Present:** Noel Madore, Anne Kemper, Sarah Yasin, Jennifer Gendron Carleton, John Painter, Ted Walworth, Darby Ray and Elizabeth Clifford

**Others Present:** Rick Speer, Sonya Buck, Hugh Judge and John Doughty

Meeting was called to order by Darby Ray at 5:35 P.M.  
Minutes from February 2, 2017 were unanimously approved

**Overview of Endowment:** Hugh Judge and John Doughty from R. M. Davis.

At present the market value of the endowment fund is \$1,650,520.00

The market is up because of the anticipation of a stronger economy. We had a very interesting conversation about the what national and world conditions could affect the market such as repatriation of cash holiday, the worrying future of Europe, aggressive immigration and artificial intelligence.

#### **Director's Report:**

The Library budget will be on the agenda of City Council on April 11 at 6:00P.M.

The Marsden Hartley painting "Shady Brook" arrived safely at the Met. Rick signed a waiver giving the met authority to do some minor restoration/conservation work.

The exhibition will be March 15 through June 18 at the Met Breuer and then at Colby College, July 8 through November 12, 2017. We received the certificate of insurance which covers the painting while in transport and on exhibition.

Ed Barrett, City Administrator, has asked Rick for a "State of the Library" report to focus on current levels of staffing. He will consult with other libraries in Maine for comparison.

After discussions with the City Administrator and City's Finance Director, the Library Director was invited to submit a budget request upgrading the Adult Services Librarian to that of Adult Services/Deputy Director. He was also invited to submit a request for a new position of Reference Librarian.

Upcoming LPL programs:

March 7, 6:30 P.M. - Donna Cassidy, "Marsden Hartley's Maine at Home and Abroad"

March 16, Noon – Great Falls Forum, Penthea Burns and Barbara Kates from Maine Wabanaki REACH, "Truth Healing and Change: Why Maine Needed a Truth and Reconciliation Commission."

March 25, 10:30 A.M.- 1:00 P.M., Teen Opportunity Fair

Rick is going on vacation. He will attend a reception for lenders on March 20 at the Met  
We have been asked to sponsor a coffee house which would foster people talking to each other to help minimize the polarization that is evident in our country. It may not be a good fit for us.

We have had an increase of minor incidents with kids and one serious incident with an adult for which the police were called. The man left before the police arrived and the incident was not caught on camera. But we did get a picture of him. We need to find out when we are going to get new cameras.

Director's Report unanimously approved.

**Update on Library Director Search:**

Betsy Pohl, Director of the Lithgow Library in Augusta will consult with us in our search. The first meeting of the committee is scheduled for March 3.

We have received 24 applications which went to Human Resources at City Hall. Ed Barrett has not shared the applications with our committee. There is a question of whether to have the meeting as we do not have any information.

**APL Board Meeting Report:**

The cafe has closed and they are looking for a new tenant.  
The Mayor wants to incorporate new rules for the new vendor.  
The space needs cleaning and renovation.

**Old Business:**

The CloudLibrary app is operational for the new statewide ebook service. Sarah encouraged all Board members to put it on their phones.

**Other Business:** No other business

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 P.M.  
Next Meeting April 6, 2017