

Lewiston Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes: February 2, 2017

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

Others Present: Rick Speer

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

Director's Report:

Second elevator repair will be in the new budget proposal.

Low bid on small elevator repair came in at \$29,050. The budget for this is \$27,000.

We will have to transfer \$2,050 from the building repair account. We will recommend accepting low bid at the Feb. 13th meeting of the City Financial Committee.

We will resume sending delinquent patron accounts to collection agency (\$40.00 value and 4 months overdue)

Marsden Hartley painting will be picked up on 2 /21/17. The Sun Journal is working on a feature story about the exhibition at The Met.

Upcoming LPL Programs: Feb. 23 – LHS Soccer coach Mike McGraw, March 7- USM Art History Professor Donna Cassidy presentation “Marsden Hartley's Maine at Home and Abroad”.

Print book lending continues to decrease. We are losing patrons to Auburn. Reasons may be parking, negative image of downtown Lewiston. Parking validation may help. We could also offer free library cards to people who work in Lewiston.

We have an increase in community groups using our facilities (\$700-800/year)

Director's Report unanimously approved

Library Director Search:

Committee: Darby, Ed, Jennifer and Anne

Reviewed the revised job description

Application deadline on March 1.

Posted several places including American Library Association

Whole Board will be involved in final interview.

Will ask for funding for overlap of Directors

Darby will email list of questions for comment and suggestions

2018 City Budget Request

Travel- will add one national conference

Book Budget – will ask that the funding be restored

Elevator – will ask for funding for repair of the second elevator

Budget Meeting of City Council will be Tuesday April 11, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

APL Board Meeting Report: Jennifer Gendron Carleton

Nicole Rancourt is new member of the board

Planning upcoming auction

Looking for a new vendor for cafe

Board offered advice on the process of hiring new Director if we need it

Old Business:

Discussion on having an event on critical thinking, how people use information and how we can help them determine what information is real or “fake news”.

Jennifer will email information on the findings of the Joint Charter Commission

Other Business: No other business

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Next meeting March 2, 2017