Lewiston Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes: September 6, 2018

Members present: Ted Walworth (via phone), Sarah Yasin, Darby Ray, Anne Kemper, Sarah Gillespie

Others present: Hugh Judge from R.M. Davis, Marcela Peres, Alfreda Fournier from APL

- Meeting called to order at 5:36 PM
- Minutes from May 3, 2018 unanimously approved at 5:39 PM
- Investment Advisor’s Report
  - The first quarter was rough b/c of N. Korea & Tariffs, but the market caught up
  - Total fund up 4.6% from beginning of year
  - Compound return = 5.2% considering withdrawals since 2000
  - The strong dollar has hurt int’l markets
  - We have more corporate bonds w/ shorter maturities rather than gov’t bonds
  - Inflation average = 2.5%, but our growth = 10.3% this past year
  - Stronger economic growth expected for 2019
- Library Director’s Report
  - Increase in attendance of programming: social reach increases when new community groups share on Facebook b/c of an algorithm unique to organizations on the platform
  - Adult attendance up by 48%
  - Hiring a part-timer 16 hrs/wk
  - Professional Development approved for 8 employees
  - Upcoming events reviewed
  - Marcela will be on leave beginning in February, Callahan Hall expected to remain quiet
    - Board meetings require rethinking during this time, suggestions for creative alternatives to serve are welcome
      - Darby posits that trustees should use a feature of the library we don’t normally use
      - Anne suggests an extended observation session to get a feel for the daily microculture
  - Director’s Report approved at 6:33
- Scheduling of Oct & Nov Board Meetings:
  - October’s date is moved because Marcela will be on a panel of librarians at the NY ComicCon.
    - October meeting shall be held on the 18th
  - The November date is moved to accommodate the United States Poet Laureate per request of the Library of Congress
    - November meeting shall be held on the 15th
    - Copies of new anthology will be given to every attendee. More information to come.
- APL Board Guest Schedule
  - Slots filled thru January
• **APL guest report:**
  - Parking is an ongoing concern
  - New tenant for the café to open shop by the end of this month
  - Working on by-laws
  - Changing corporators of the library to friends of the library
  - An endowment in honor of John Kelly was begun
  - Added positions: library tech, admin assistant.
  - A new reference associate will replace the assoc. they lost
  - Auction is complete
  - Seeking new board members
  - Parade for city’s sesquicentennial to be held on Memorial Day
    - Open to L/A & surrounding municipalities
    - Asking businesses to participate

• **Endowment Budget Review:**
  - We came in under budget this year
  - Budget approved unanimously at 7:15

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Next meeting Oct 18, 2018