

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