

Lewiston Public Library Board Meeting
7/9/2020 - ZOOM

Present: Barbara Benjamin-McManus, Anne Kemper, Dan Jenkins, Ted Walworth, Sarah Gillespie, Mariah Pfeiffer, Mayor Mark Cayer, Abdifatah Afrah

Other attendees: Marcela Peres, Pat Gautier (Auburn Public Library)

Meeting called to order at 1732.

1. Meeting minutes from 06/2020 approved unanimously
2. Library Director's Report - Marcela Peres
 - a. Prorated digital subscriptions means we are now under budget for NEH grant, which means extra funds for other parts of the project
 - b. Summer Reading Program is now delayed. We will potentially create a fall mailing campaign to restart and Barbara suggested to connect with Chief Academic Officer Karen Paquette at Lewiston Public Schools
 - c. Carl Straub Trust -- money will go into principal of the LPL Endowment, and also go to acquisitions on "connections between human cultures and the natural world."
 - d. Budget updates: Curtailment won't affect materials at this point. We had more endowment spending on materials than normal due to COVID and the city shortfall. The Board agrees to wait on making changes to the budget and Marcela will prepare 2 budget views -1st 2 quarters vs entire year in order to aid decision making.
 - e. Program update:
 - i. Great Falls Forum- fall portion will be all virtual
 - ii. Maine Humanities Council- all virtual, readings by email
 - iii. Racial Equity Training – 21 day program in partnership with APL
 - iv. Summer Reading Program
3. June Meeting Minutes approved unanimously
4. Reopening Plan - Marcela Peres
 - a. \$475,000 from the State for Keep ME Healthy - helping city buildings prepare. Funding going to staffing for door greeters, extra daytime cleaning, masks/face shields, floor decals for directionals, touchless bathroom fixtures, doorbell at front door, appts for computers/children's room.
5. APL Report:
 - a. Auction cancelled due to COVID
 - b. Working on Mamie's evaluation process
6. Old Business:
 - a. Larry Gilbert's generous offer to fund lighting to highlight the old Carnegie part of the building. Discussion of what type of lighting to propose, who will pay for upkeep/electric costs. Generating ideas to propose to him i.e. potentially

projecting artwork etc. on the side of the building. Discussion about whether or not to cut crabapple trees in front of the building for better architectural visibility.

Meeting adjourned at 1906