

Library Trustees Minutes

March 6, 2025

Present: ~~Ed Barrett~~ (II:'24-'27), Tu Biederman (I:'23-'26), Karen Choate (II:'25-'28), Julie Colangelo (I:'23-'26), ~~Marissa DeKu~~ (II:'24-'27), Melanie Dorn (I:'24-'27), Mariah Pfeiffer (II:'25-'28), Strawberry Pinkham (I:'25-'28), Carl Sheline. Staff present -- Joey Houston, Director, Sara Turner, Deputy Director

Called to order at 5:30 pm

1. Approval of minutes - VOTED to approve as presented.
2. APL Board Report - no representative and no one attended Feb meeting
3. Campaign Committee Report - Joey reported that grants are being processed, letters are being written to potential BIG contributors like Stephen King. Joey met with Jan Philips, capital campaign coordinator for last campaign she has ideas about bank contacts and will meet with Joey again. LPL will have a table at Business to Business event sponsored by the Chamber. Campaign Committee met yesterday (March 5) to get updates and next plans. Event committee is moving ahead with plans for April 26th event - date, prices and flyers are ready. **Help needed with raffle prizes and food donations for event.** Strawberry will provide 2 tickets to event as a subscribers thank you for Sun Journal subscription promotion. Joey and reps from Bangor and Portland libraries have submitted a proposal to present at the Maine Philanthropy Center spring event to remind them that libraries are great places for their work and gifts.
4. Endowment budget -- MOVED and VOTED to approve as presented (Choate/Pinkham) PASSED \$116,110 available for this year - 4% of 3 year rolling average of endowment. Investment advisors will meet with us in May they were unavailable this month.
5. Director's Report
 - a. Maine Library Commission -- Joey has been appointed by Governor Mills as a member of the Commission. The Commission is the governing board of the Maine State Library and it is great to have Lewiston represented on the Commission!
 - b. FY2026 Library budget -- updated dates - March 11 budget overview. **Our presence would be great** at Library presentation workshop on **March 25** -- timing unsure as police and fire also present this day. Begins at 6 pm.
 - c. Callahan hall -- audiovisual system will no longer talk to ANY laptop. When groups rent the space we need to have a functioning system. The installers of the system were unable to repair the issue. **Joey is looking for people in the area that have skills as audio engineers or have AV repair skills or who may know people who do - let him know if you have anyone in mind.**
6. Old Business
7. Other Business

Adjourned -- 6:30 pm NEXT MEETING APRIL 3, 2025 AT 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Choate