

Lewiston Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes: May 4, 2017

Attendance:

Ann Kemper, Noel Madore, ZamZam Mohamud, Jennifer GendronCarleton, and Darby Ray;
Doris Bonneau, APL representative; Rick Speer, library director

Meeting called to order by Darby at 5:18pm

Approval of minutes of 4/6/17 meeting - motion to approve as written by Ann, second by ZamZam - all approved

Director's report:

Shooting occurred in alley the evening of Sunday April 16th - stray bullets hit two windows that were replaced on Thursday 5/4, one bullet hit brick that does not seem to need attention. Couch in children's room damaged by bullet that went through glass into couch, hoping to replace soon.

Library will be closing early on Wednesday May 10th for telephone system upgrade.

After the library budget workshop on April 11th, the Board members present conferred with Rick and suggested a revised proposal: forego the book budget increases in order to afford one additional part time staff person. Darby reported that some members of the Council are not supportive of this proposal and also want to cut the book budget increases. It was agreed by consensus that Trustees should attend the Tuesday, May 9th city council meeting where the adoption of the city budget is on the agenda. Darby urged board members to work on getting the word out to the public to encourage library supporters to attend the council meeting.

The high quality print of Shady Brook painting has arrived and is in place - Rick is impressed with the print and encourages everyone to stop by and see it.

The estate of Barbra Randall named LPL and the library is expecting to receive approximately \$16,000. This will establish a new, named fund within the Endowment (James M. and Barbara V. Randall Memorial Fund). Income expenditures from this fund will be restricted to reference and nonfiction materials.

Rick offered the trustees in attendance words of encouragement going forward with an eventual new director: to be open and welcoming and helpful in the transition. Trustees should think ahead to what the library should be in the future - 5, 10, 20 years. Rick plans on following up with more before his last day May 31st.

Darby presented an overview on the search for new library director - tonight we sat for candidate presentation by Marcela Peres and then met with her as the Board. Friday 5/5 Marcela sits with library staff during two sessions 10am and 2pm and with search committee for a final interview following the last staff meeting.

Ann gave Friends of LPL update - \$1,195 was donated to the Friends in memory of Helen Archambault. It will be used to purchase two video monitors to be mounted in lobby to be used for promotional purposes. The second monitor will displays similar information on the street for the public to see,

especially after hours

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Income from donations and AmazonSmile is off slightly. The Friends intend to be more aggressive requesting donations in the next year. Anne reported that the Friends budget pays for such things as gestures of staff appreciation, web hosting fees for www.lplonline.org and the Lewiston Digital Archives, and programming support for children, teens and adults.

Report from Auburn Public Library by Doris - APL online auction fundraiser will be live June 1-10, visit their website and bid on wonderful items! APL is actively looking for a tenant for the cafe location - spread the word. Auburn is also in the midst of their budget season and is preparing to deliver reports to their city council.

Darby reported on the request for partnership with LPL for Green Dot bystander intervention training. The request came from the other partners: YWCA and Community of Kindness. Trustees were asked to vote to approve LPL as a partner - Ann made motion, second by ZamZam, all approved.

Since Rick leaves May 31st and hopefully LPL has a new director in place, the trustees feel it's important to schedule a meeting in June to discuss next steps. Next meeting is Thursday, June 1st 5:30pm.

5:58pm Meeting adjourn motion by Jennifer, second by Noel - all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer GendronCarleton, Secretary Pro-Tem