

Lewiston Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes: September 5, 2019

Members Present: Darby Ray, Elizabeth Clifford, Anne Kemper, Mariah Pfeiffer, John Painter, Sarah Gillespie

Also Present: Marcela Peres, Hugh Judge, John Doughty, Liza Dimetri (APL) and Kristen Cloutier, Mayor of Lewiston

Meeting called to order at 5:35 P.M.

Minutes from June 6 unanimously approved

Investment Advisor's Report: Hugh Judge and John Doughty (R.M. Davis)

\$1,970,531 in the endowment with a gain of about 16% this year and 9.5 gain over the last year. There was a discussion about what affects the market, especially the current trade wars.

Director's Report:

- Overall circulation is down 1% but audiobooks are up 22%, adult fiction up 34%, teen up 2%, board books up 21%, Picture books up 15%, ebooks up 3% E-audio up 11%, children's in-house attendance up 3%, children's out of building up 27%, Teen program attendance up 94%
- Summer turnover: Ruby Jones has left and David Moorehead is retiring. New Adult and Teen Services librarian will begin Sept 26, Children's Librarian post is still open. New Library Technician, Sara Groves began on August 29.
- Alex Richey attended American Library Association in Washington D.C. in June and will participate in the Chamber's Androscoggin Leadership Development Institute this fall, Harper Chance will attend the Young Adult Library Services Association Symposium in Memphis in November.
- The Reciprocal Borrowing Program will start on Sept. 16. Maine State Library will put out news release and will do a one year statistical report.
- Upcoming LPL programs: Jim Linnell to discuss book Take it Lying Down, Sept 17, Great Falls Forum- Andrew Kennedy "Retooling the Genome to Treat Memory Loss. Sept 23
- Report unanimously approved.

Endowment Fund Report:

- Three Endowment Fund Principal Additions 7/1/18-6/30-19: \$275.00 (Alice S, Clifford Bequest) \$2,273.00 (Paula Scolnik Memorial Fund) and \$250.00 (Marilyn Nail & Eric Hirshler Memorial Fund)

Endowment Fund Budget Report:

The average for the last three years is \$1,904,180 of which we can spend \$76,167 (4%). The total budget for 2020 is \$76,160.

Endowment Fund Budget unanimously approved

APL Meeting Report: Liza Dimitri

- The on-line auction made \$7,000 this year. The library is still struggling with parking issues.

Old Business:

- There was a discussion about reviving the joint board meeting with APL. we will reach out to APL concerning a date

Other Business: No other business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM

Next meeting: October 3, 2019