

LMFL – BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 (VIA ZOOM)

M. Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

In attendance: Farrell, Hines, Steinhauer, Shultz, Lundquist, Carlson, Feuerstein and H. Barish (Director).

Absent: Schmidt, Hemmer and Sanborn.

On motion made by Steinhauer, seconded by Shultz, the minutes of the August Board of Trustees meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial report: On motion made by Steinhauer, seconded by Lundquist, the monthly reports were unanimously approved.

Mr. Barish reported that the Wall St Journal is not being read. We will revisit next month whether to continue the subscription.

Mr. Barish reported that \$4,258 has already been received in response to the appeal for Manor Ink. Steinhauer asked that the Library fund the cost of mailing the appeal, so that all the contributions received may benefit Manor Ink. Farrell and Feuerstein agreed and there were no objections. Hines asked that Mr. Barish have Ellie provide a list of those contributors who gave to the annual appeal either of the past two years, but not yet this year, so Board members can follow-up.

Mr. Barish reported that \$601 was raised from the Labor Day book sale. The Board expressed its appreciation to him for a yeoman day in the absence of many volunteers.

The desire for increased opening hours and additional staffing was discussed. The Board agreed that it would be desirable to extend hours to 6:00 pm on Monday and Friday. The Board agreed we should look to hire a new HS intern. Lundquist will ask the Guidance Counselor at the HS to post the position. Mr. Barish will reach out to Ellie and Edie to determine their firm intentions; then the Personnel Committee will meet to discuss the hiring of an adult front desk clerk.

Hines suggested we look into the purchase of an air purification unit. She will provide information to Mr. Barish.

Lundquist reported that things are too unsettled at LMCS at this time to be able to work with the school on any joint programs. We will continue to monitor the situation. We will allow private tutors to use the Library.

The search for a new Director has commenced. Deadline for applications is October 16. Four applications have been received to date. The Personnel Committee will meet to discuss the interview process, etc.

We need to agree to the 2021 RCLS budget. On motion made by Shultz, seconded by Carlson, it was unanimously agreed that Farrell may vote in favor of the proposed budget.

Hines reported that she is being interviewed later this week in connection with the Google grant application to “model” Manor Ink for other libraries.

Steinhauer reported that copies of Manor Ink continue to “fly off the shelves” so even more copies are being ordered for October.

Mr. Barish reported that we continue to have about 15 patrons a day. We are open more hours than some other local libraries; Liberty still is not open to the public. Mr. Barish will hold a comics day on October 10, assisted by Eddie Lundquist, a local cartoonist.

We will look to initiate the long-term strategic review early next year.

On motion, made by Shultz, seconded by Hines, unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.