



Minutes

Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

4:30 PM in-person meeting Androscoggin Community Room / APL

Present: Board: Sharon Bergeron, Lisa Cesare Pat Gautier, Ralph Harder, Heidi McCurdy, Michael Malloy, Nicole Rancourt

Excused: Liza Dimitri

Staff: Mamie Ney, Director

Guests: Amy Dieterich (attorney), Peter Stronoski (patron)

1. Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

2. What Are You Reading (posted on web site)

A full list was posted on the web site.

3. Approval of the November 24, 2023 minutes

The meeting minutes from the November 24, 2023 meeting were approved with no changes on a motion by Lisa Cesare, seconded by Ralph Harder.

4. Director's Report and Book Challenge Discussion / Mamie Ney

The Governance Committee is continuing to review the Book Challenges form and the Collection Policies and hopes to have them completed for the January Board meeting.

Barbara and Dick Trafton donated the original portrait of their daughter Maggie Trafton. It is being put up in the Children's Room.

Sixteen authors participated in the Maine Writers Event held in the Androscoggin Room on Saturday the 9th of December. \$500 was raised in support of efforts to help those affected by the mass shootings in Lewiston on October 25th.

4a. Security Update

Mamie Ney and Derek Belanger from the City of Auburn met with ADT securities to discuss the library's participating in the city's contract to provide security to all city building. Suggestions to assist our needs were: installing overhead lighting and motion detectors around the building where people seem to be gathering outside on off hours; placing fencing along the path between the Library and Meineke; installing cameras that

could be monitored by the City. Other concerns are pilfering of items near or in the dumpster and the inconsistency of police drive-bys. The Library has already posted No Trespassing/No loitering signs and the police have issued trespassing violations for particular offenders on library property.

4b. Director's Initial Budget Presentation (Expenses)

Mamie reviewed the Expenses part of the financial documents we receive each month. The major expenses are: salaries, utilities, and library materials. We are at about 40% of the fiscal year and we have spent 42% of the funds budgeted.

5. Town of Minot Agreement Discussion

The Town of Minot's Agreement with APL was approved by the Minot Selectman for their town warrant in the spring. Two people will continue to represent Minot on our Board, one resident selected by the selectman and one other resident. The APL Board approved the agreement on a motion by Lisa Cesare, seconded by Nicole Rancourt.

6. Executive Session

Executive Session was entered at 5:30 and included attorney Amy Dieterich. The Executive session was ended at 6:30 and the Board reentered the regular meeting at 6:30 PM. In a unanimous decision, the Board agreed to release Mamie Anthoine Ney of her duties as Director of the Auburn Public Library, effective immediately. She was informed of this and was told a severance package would follow as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Signed:

Pat Gautier, Board Secretary

Upcoming Meetings:

January 23 at 4:30 PM in-person (Androscoggin Community Room)

February 27 at 4:30 PM in-person (Androscoggin Community Room)