

# **APL Board of Trustees Minutes**

## **Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

**Present:** Pat Gautier, Lisa Cesare, Nicole Rancourt, Michael Malloy, Dana Staples, Susan Weiss, Liza Dimitri, Dan Jenkins (LPL Board member)  
APL staff: Mamie Ney, Haley Warden, Bethany Lyons

**Excused:** Katie Boss, Heidi McCurdy, Ralph Harder

### **1. Call to Order/Introductions**

The online meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM.

### **2. What have you been reading:**

**Mamie Ney** – The Measure by Nikki Erlick

**Pat Gautier** – State of Terror by Louise Penny and Hilary Clinton

**Susan Weiss** – Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

**Dana Staples** – The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley; The Younger Wife by Sally Hepworth

**Nicole Rancourt** – Your House Will Pay by Steph Cha

**Michael Malloy** – Trillion Dollar Coach: The Leadership Playbook of Silicon Valley's Bill Campbell by Eric Schmidt, Jonathan Rosenberg, and Alan Eagle; In The Country of Others by Leïla Slimani

**Dan Jenkins** – No Ordinary Time: Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II by Doris Kerns Goodwin

**Haley Warden** – The Lost Storyteller by Amanda Block

**Bethany Lyons** – The Lioness by Chris Bohjalian

### **3. Approval of March 22, 2022 Minutes**

The meeting minutes from the March 22, 2022 meeting were approved with no changes. There was a motion by Nicole Rancourt and seconded by Susan Weiss to approve the minutes. This passed unanimously.

### **4. "Fun" Raising Committee Update**

Nicole Rancourt updated the group that sponsorship money is coming in but some key players from last year are still missing. We are \$1,500 under compared to last year. As far as item donations, we are still waiting on a number of people. Please contact Nicole with any questions. The value of the bag is now at \$103 and we're selling for \$75. Hailey Warden reminded the group that a selling point to businesses is that APL will happily design and print the coupon if they provide the logo.

## **5. Governance Committee Update**

Susan Weiss gave an update that she approached a possible new board member but they reported they are too busy at this time. The group is revising the Trustee Handbook which will be helpful to new trustees. A future project will be to revise the Employee Handbook. She also mentioned surveying trustees about a strategic planning retreat.

## **6. Director's Evaluation Survey**

Pat Gautier updated the group that the survey is now live and needs to be completed by May 6<sup>th</sup>. Pat had spoken to the staff several weeks ago about the survey. The survey has been revamped with an area for comment/remarks under each question. Trustees reported they are happy that the Director's report now follows the Director's goals.

## **7. Update on Margery Schuler Estate**

Mamie reported that she has been trying to reach the attorney to schedule a time to do an inventory of the storage lockers.

## **8. Lewiston Public Library Update**

Dan Jenkins, LPL Board Member, attended the meeting and reported that the Lewiston budget opened up this week and one of their large projects is to upgrade the Children's area. Karen Jones retired and Beth Olmquist will replace her. The upgrades to Callahan Hall are underway.

Mamie reported the both APL and LPL were selected by Books A Million as the recipient of their summer reading drive.

She also reported that LPL and APL have been chosen for a new lifelong learning program being introduced by the Maine State Library called Bendable. LPL and about another half dozen libraries have been chosen as a hub because they are Area Resource Centers. APL will be a liaison for other nearby libraries.

More info can be found here: <https://sjcpl.org/bendable/>

## **9. Financial Report**

Michael Malloy reviewed the financials and reported that everything is as expected. The investment accounts are fluctuating. He encourages Trustees to review these financials monthly. There will be a "deeper dive" in the numbers regularly.

## **10. Director's Report & FY2023 Budget Update**

Mamie Ney sent a full copy of her report to trustees. Nothing additional to report. Next Monday night, May 2, the city will be doing the first reading of the city budget.

## **Other Business**

Talked about whether to meet in person or continue on Zoom. It was recommended we do the next two meetings (May and June) via Zoom, then reassess for the August meeting (as there is no July meeting).

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM with a motion by Susan Weiss and seconded by Michael Malloy.  
All in favor.

Signed:

Bethany Lyons, APL Administrative Assistant

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Board meetings:**

May 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM – via Zoom

June 28<sup>th</sup> 4:30 PM – via Zoom

No July meeting