The Auburn Public Library
Board of Trustees
April 20, 2016
Androscoggin Community Room
7:30 AM

Staff: Mamie Ney, Library Director; Susan Geismar, Development Coordinator

President Sonia Buck called the meeting to order at 7:34.

Minutes from March 16, 2016, meeting were accepted on a motion from Barbara Trafton with a second from Susan Weiss.

The Board went into executive session to discuss the City’s proposed budget cuts and the effect on personnel.

The second annual online auction preparation is underway with 20 items already secured. It will start June 1st and close on June 10th. Board members are asked to secure two items each. Suggested items include gift certificates for “Shop Local” baskets. We are willing to take lower value items this year with an eye to combining them into baskets. We will provide a link in thank you notes to donors so they can add the auction to their websites. Items should be delivered to the Library by May 15th. Mark Foster will be assisting with donor recruitment. The website is www.32auctions.com/apl2016.

Dave Murphy and Ted Walworth reported on the recent Lewiston Public Library (LPL) board meeting. LPL has not been using content filters on their public use computers as required by the federal Child Internet Protection Act, opting to pay a small yearly fee to Maine School and Library Network. (Auburn PL has filtered content for a number of years.) The rules are changing and opting out is now a lot more expensive. The LPL board has voted to adopt filters. The City is expected to approve a budget increase to provide additional security. Dave complimented LPL’s Adult Services Librarian Marcela Peres on the excellent presentation she gave. Dave has suggested that meeting materials for both boards be shared with all trustees rather than just the trustee designated to attend each meeting. Mamie Ney said that that would be easy enough to do and that she will coordinate with Rick Speer. The May joint board meeting is being planned.

Mamie Ney said that her Director’s Report stands as submitted. She reported that the NASA exhibit is going quite well. The Library has been very busy the last week since the exhibit opened. This is school vacation week so there have been a lot of children around. The staff has done an amazing job.

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:10 a.m. by Pat Gautier with a second from Susan Weiss. The motion passed unanimously.

William Low, Secretary

Accepted:

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