



**Minutes**  
**Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Tuesday, January 24, 2023**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
**Androscoggin Community Room**

**Present:** Sharon Bergeron, Liza Dimitri, Patricia Gautier, Ralph Harder, Suzanne Laflamme, Michael Malloy, Heidi McCurdy, Nicole Rancourt, and Dana Staples (arrived at 5:30 PM)

**Guest:** Karen Choate (LPL)

**APL staff:** Mamie Ney, Bethany Lyons

**Excused:** Peggy Deblois, Lisa Cesare

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

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

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

**Pat Gautier** – Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir of the Power of Friendships by Nina Totenburg

**Ralph Harder** – Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

**Karen Choate (LPL Board member)** - The Stranger in the Lifeboat by Mitch Albom

**Heidi McCurdy** – Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult/Jennifer Finney Boylan

**Sharon Bergeron** – Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

**Nicole Rancourt** – Lungfish by Meghan Gilliss; also recommended Obie is Man Enough by Schuyler Bailar

**Liza Dimitri** – Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir of the Power of Friendships by Nina Totenburg

**Michael Malloy** – The Greatest Beer Run Ever by John “Chick” Donohue and JT Molloy; Home Game: An Accidental Guide to Fatherhood by Michael Lewis; The Overstory by Richard Powers

**Mamie Ney** – Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver; and Finlay Donovan is Killing It by Elle Cosimano

**Suzanne Laflamme**- Rereading some high school classics as well as listening to Russian author audiobooks

**Bethany Lyons** – Fairy Tale by Stephen King; and an advance copy of The Spectacular by Fiona Davis

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

The meeting minutes from the November 22, 2022 meeting were approved with no changes by a motion by Nicole Rancourt and seconded by Sharon Bergeron. All were in favor.

### **4. Approval of a resolution to update the signatures on the library's bank accounts**

For all library bank accounts, the Library Director, the Board President, and the Board Treasurer will have check signing authority, transferring authorization, as well as any and all powers in connection with all financial accounts. These individuals will need to go in person and show identification to the banks to sign the appropriate paperwork. A motion was made by Sharon Bergeron and seconded by Nicole Rancourt. All were in favor of approving this resolution.

### **5. Election of New Board Member**

Pat Gautier nominated Suzanne Laflamme as a new Trustee. Suzanne gave a brief bio. All were in favor of electing Suzanne Laflamme.

### **6. Governance Committee Update**

Pat Gautier gave a committee update. They have been working on updating the staff handbook, as well as updating the Director's evaluation survey which will go out in April.

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

Nicole Rancourt gave a committee update and talked about the new idea for the next fundraiser which will take place in June. The concept is community-centered and involves a themed-basket raffle of 20-30 baskets. Tickets will be sold and an in-person event will be held. They are looking to do this at Side By Each, but that is still in the works. Sponsorship letters will go out in the next few weeks. Nicole will send the Excel spreadsheet to Trustees so they know who to call for follow-up after the letters are sent.

### **8. Financial Report**

Michael Malloy provided a financial report to the group. He reported that he had just received the check for approximately \$226K, as well as a "First Man on the Moon" stamp, from the Schuler Estate. Approximately \$100,000 remains and we will receive the balance after taxes on the estate are settled. He also noted that Cibo Café's lease is up in April and Mamie will work on renewing that lease.

### **9. Lewiston Public Library Report**

Karen Choate, LPL Board Member, gave an update. She reported that the Children's Room modernization is underway. She also said they have had some facility issues/weather/wear and tear issues in the building. Budgeting is ongoing.

### **10. Director's Report**

Mamie Ney thanked the Board for their cards and flowers. Her Director's report was provided and stood as written.

**11. Status of the FY2024 Budget**

Mamie reported that the budget process is on hold at the moment while the city obtains new utility figures.

**12. Other Business**

None.

There was a motion by Sharon Bergeron and seconded by Nicole Rancourt to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM.

Signed:

Bethany Lyons, APL Administrative Assistant

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**Upcoming Board meetings:**

February 28th at 4:30 PM in-person at APL Androscoggin Community Room

March 28th at 4:30 PM in-person at APL Androscoggin Community Room

April 25th at 4:30 PM in-person at APL Androscoggin Community Room