



Minutes
Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday, October 25, 2022
8:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

Present: Pat Gautier, Lisa Cesare, Ralph Harder, Peggy Deblois, Dana Staples, Heidi McCurdy, Sharon Bergeron, Michael Malloy (joined meeting at 8:30 AM), Darby Ray (LPL Board member)

APL staff: Bethany Lyons, Haley Warden

Excused: Liza Dimitri and Nicole Rancourt

1. Call to Order/Introductions

The online meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM. Introductions were made.

2. What have you been reading:

Pat Gautier – The Lincoln Highway: A novel by Amor Towles

Lisa Cesare – No time to read! Sadly reading budget numbers.

Ralph Harder – A Continent Erupts: Decolonization, Civil War, and Massacre in Postwar Asia, 1945–1955 by Ronald Spector

Peggy Deblois – The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict; and Hester by Laura Lico Albanese

Darby Ray (LPL Board member) - Elizabeth Strout books

Dana Staples – Fairy Tale by Stephen King; Upgrade by Blake Crouch; and Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Heidi McCurdy – Has been listening to an audio book titled, Three Men in a Boat, by Jerome K. Jerome

Sharon Bergeron – Has been reading a Josephine Baker biography

Bethany Lyons – Amen Maxine by Faith Gardner

Haley Warden – Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen by Isaac Blum

3. Approval of August 23, 2022 Minutes

The meeting minutes from the August 23, 2022 meeting were approved with the following change. A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Ralph to amend the minutes. Lisa pointed out an error in the Auditor's report regarding CIBO Pizza. The report is inaccurate as there was no CIBO rental income for 2021, and rent payment started again in April 2022. At the August Board Meeting, Claire Thompson of Austin Associates reported that she would make note of the error and update the Annual Report. All were in favor of amending the minutes.

4. Election of Sharon Bergeron as Trustee

There was a motion by Lisa and seconded by Ralph to approve Sharon Bergeron as a new Trustee. All were in favor.

5. Election of New Officers

President – A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Sharon to appoint **Pat Gautier** as president. All in favor.

VP – A motion was made by Peggy and seconded by Michael to appoint **Lisa Cesare** as vice president. All in favor.

Secretary – A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Ralph to appoint **Liza Dimitri** as secretary. All in favor.

Treasurer - A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Ralph to appoint **Michael Malloy** as treasurer for the next six months. All in favor. There was discussion that Sharon is willing to shadow Michael to learn the position.

6. Annual Meeting Update

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

7. Trustees and Committees

Lisa gave an explanation to new trustees about the fun-raising committee and the governance committee. Board members should be on one committee or the other and are welcome to be on both. Peggy expressed an interest in being on the fun-raising committee.

8. Governance Committee Update

Lisa reported that she, Pat and Ralph are the three members of the committee presently. New members are welcome. They meet the second Tuesday of the month at 8AM on Zoom. The group has just finished updating the New Trustee Handbook. Lisa reviewed the handbook with Bethany. Pat will do another review of the handbook and let Bethany know if any additional changes need to be made. Once that is done, hard copies will be made for Board members and the handbook will be posted online once the new website is completed. The next project will be to update the Employee Handbook. After that, the group will be revising the Director's performance evaluation survey.

9. “Fun” Raising Committee Update

Haley gave a committee update saying the group is not real active at the moment. She pointed out that Book Around Town was not as successful as the first year and the committee will be brainstorming new ideas to raise money. She thanked Peggy for volunteering to be on the committee. Haley also gave an update on the Schuler estate saying APL is still looking for a student to catalog the 2,000+ paintings that were donated. Peggy reported that she will reach out to Steve Amaroso, the Edward Little AP Art teacher, to see if he knows of an AP Art student who might be willing to do this work for payment or credit. APL also received news that we were not selected as a vendor at the Auburn Christmas Village event.

10. Financial Report

Michael stated that we are just into the new year, and we had the auditor’s report at the last meeting, so there is not much to report. There was some discussion on the PPE loan.

11. Lewiston Public Library Report

Darby Ray attended the meeting with an update. She reported LPL will be closed 10/28 to 11/7 for new carpet installation. They have restarted the Great Falls Forum in person and are trying to rebuild the in person audience. They have had high staff turnover and staffing has been a challenge. Marcella is back from maternity leave.

The following APL board members signed up to represent APL at the LPL board meetings:

November Meeting - Pat

December Meeting - Lisa

January Meeting - Peggy

February Meeting - Heidi

March Meeting - Sharon

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at LPL's Callahan Hall Free parking on the street.

12. Goals for FY2023

Agenda item not discussed. Will place on November agenda.

13. Director’s Report

Mamie was unable to attend the meeting and did not provide an update this month.

14. Other Business

There was some discussion about meeting times and in-person vs. zoom. Group agreed to keep the November 22nd meeting as in-person (APL Androscoggin Room) at 4:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM with a motion by Lisa and seconded by Sharon. All were in favor.

Signed:

Bethany Lyons, APL Administrative Assistant

Date: _____

Upcoming Board meetings:

November 22nd at 4:30 PM **in-person at APL Androscoggin Community Room**

December – No meeting