

The Auburn Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
February 15, 2017  
Community Room  
7:30 AM

Trustees: Sonia Buck, William Low, Kirk Egge, Nicole Rancourt, Doris Bonneau, Patricia Gautier and Jonathan LaBonté.  
Guest: Sarah Yasin, Lewiston Public Library (LPL) and Claire Thompson, Austin Associates.  
Staff: Susan Geismar, Kristen Flynn and Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director.

President Sonia Buck called the meeting to order at 7:43 AM.

Introductions were made.

The minutes were unanimously accepted on a motion from Bill Low and a second from Kirk Egge.

Claire Thompson from Austin Associates explained the financial statements for FY2016. There was a discussion regarding the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MPERS) reimbursement that was received as a through Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement #68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. Doris Bonneau asked if there was any recommendation as to what the Library should do with this money and Mamie Ney suggested restricting the funds so that they can only be used as payment for pensions as these funds have not been included in the budget. Jonathan LaBonté suggested bringing a proposal to the board to restrict the funds. Claire also recommended that additional bookkeeping help be added to assist with the amount of detail that the endowment funds now require. The annual financial statements were accepted as presented on a motion from Sonia Buck, and a second by Jonathon LaBonté. The Library's tax return has been filed.

Mamie reported that the Café needs to be cleaned out and Dan Gagne, the owner of Café LA, is coming with cleaners on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Dan is now current with his rent and the Library is purchasing the tables and chairs from him. There is a commercial realtor out of Portland who has been aggressive in contacting us to find a new tenant. Jonathan commented that the request for proposals (RFP) that the Board creates will drive the type of applicants we receive. The Library can put restrictions on the RFP as to what the new tenant should sell, or that they should hire a certain percentage of high school students however, being too restrictive could deter potential tenants. Mamie brought a new complication to the board regarding Business Networking International (BNI) and their standing reservation on the Androscoggin Community Room on Tuesday mornings. BNI has contacted Sarah Cunningham and said that effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, they will no longer be renting the Androscoggin Community Room. With the loss of the Café and BNI's rent, the department heads will be meeting to discuss budget cuts.

The discussion of the online auction was tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints within the meeting.

A brief update from the Lewiston Public Library (LPL) was given by Sarah Yasin. LPL appreciates the relationship they have with APL and would like for a board member to join them at their next meeting. Sonia will be attending the next meeting and Bill will be available to attend in her place if needed. The preparation for the Marsden Hartley exhibit at the Met Breuer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York is going well. A search committee has been formed to search for the Library Director's replacement as Rick Speer is retiring in May.

Mamie reported that her Directors report stands as submitted with the only additions being the update on BNI, and that the Library has had to pass on some programs that we have been approached about because we already have so many programs scheduled.

Bill reported that L/A Arts is having an exhibit of images by Sun Journal photographers. The exhibit opens with a reception at 5 p.m. Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Jonathon reported that Denis D'Auteuil, Assistant City Manager, has tendered his resignation. John Bubier will be Acting City Manager through the remainder of the search.

On a motion by Bill Low and a second by Jonathon LaBonté the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 AM.

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William Low, Secretary

Accepted: