

The Auburn Public Library
Board of Trustees
October 19, 2016
Community Room
7:30 AM

Trustees: Edward Cormier, Sonia Buck, Mark Foster, Kirk Egge, Bill Low, Doris Bonneau, Jane Morrison, Patricia Gautier, Jonathan LaBonté, Barbara Trafton and Susan Weiss. Guest: Darby Ray, Lewiston Public Library (LPL). Staff: Susan Geismar, Development Coordinator; Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director.

President Sonia Buck called the meeting to order at 7:35.

Minutes from the August 17, 2016, meetings were unanimously accepted on a motion from Barbara Trafton and a second from Doris Bonneau.

Mamie Ney gave a summary of the 125 Annual Meeting which was a success. There were approximately thirty attendees; the 3D printer demonstration was a big hit. It was great to make connections with and renew friendships with our corporators.

There was a discussion of the 2017 Online Auction. The committee, chaired by Barbara Trafton and Susan Weiss, is ready to go, and hopes to begin the process of securing items and identifying additional donors prior to the end of the year. We increased our total from \$4,000 the first year to \$7,000 this year. There will be an emphasis on increasing the number of bidders and how to go about that. We will also be looking for new leadership for the coming years with the possibility of co-chairs: one from the Board, the other from the community. Board members are asked to suggest possible community members by the end of December. Work will begin in earnest in March. A list of items from this year's auction was circulated to remind members of their donor contacts. It was noted that vacation packages go well.

The next APL/LPL joint board meeting will be held on Tues., 10/25, at LPL at 5:30 p.m. Gene Geiger from the Joint Charter Commission will make a presentation. He will be looking for feedback. The Board needs a history of what has been done. Mamie Ney will look into providing past minutes. The key is what we can offer the community. There was a discussion of what relationship the libraries should have: affiliation, merger, collaborating.

Darby Ray reported on this month's Lewiston Public Libraries board meeting. Since the board meeting was held the same night as APL's Pulitzer Prize Keynote presentation we were not able to send a representative. LPL has adopted the same policy as APL with regard to Internet filtering. The Board approved their endowment budget for the year (approx. \$65K) which will support book and e-book purchases and children/teen programs. Some additional support comes from the friends' group.

Mamie Ney talked about the building study done by Cordija. The report was sent to the Trustees but if anyone wants a hard copy, please let Mamie know. The report indicated that in general, the libraries building is in good shape. The key to investing in this report was being able to determine the needs and the costs of building maintenance for the next ten years. The study was a worthwhile investment. Mamie also reported that we are looking into replacing the carpeting. A number of local carpeting businesses have been contacted to provide an estimate. One has been received, and put the cost at

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close to \$115,000.00. We will need to determine how this will be funded. A small portion of the cost has been allocated in the City's CIP Allocations.

Mamie Ney's director's report stands as submitted. She reported on some behavior issues that have been adequately addressed. Our recent programs which have been funded through Maine Humanities grants have been very successful: Pulitzer Prize cartoons and Shakespeare. With regard to programs, Jonathan LaBonté reported that CDBG funds may of up to \$25,000 may be available.

Doris Bonneau moved that the meeting be adjourned. Susan Weiss seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

William Low, Secretary

Accepted:

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