

The Auburn Public Library
Board of Trustees
June 17, 2015
Androscoggin Community Room
7:30 AM

Trustees: Doris Bonneau, Sonia Buck, Ed Cormier, Kirk Egge, Mark Foster, Patricia Gautier, Mary Lafontaine, William Low, Jane Morrison, David Murphy, and Barbara Trafton. Staff: Susan Geismar, Development Coordinator; Mamie Ney, Director. Darby Ray, Lewiston Public Library.

President Sonia Buck opened the meeting at 7:34 a.m.

Minutes from the May 20, 2015, meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Barbara Trafton. Mary Lafontaine seconded.

The success of the first Spring Online Auction was discussed. The Auction took in just over \$4700. The software, "32Auctions.com," worked well. There were the right number of items and a wide range of bidders. There was consensus that we could add another page or two given how easy it was to view items. The value of the items was discussed. We want to continue with seeking higher value items. We may want to add a few lower value items just to see how they do. The timing of the event was good, but it was felt that bidding should not end on a Sunday afternoon. We should see if the Café would allow us to install a computer solely for the auction. We need to build both capacity and awareness with regard to bidders. Social media should be a focus. Overall there was a very, very strong consensus that this is a viable fundraiser for us.

Mamie presented a proposed change in the Library's Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy with regard to how collection materials are accounted for. The current policy directs that the library staff perform yearly count of all materials and value the collection by using the average price from certain book valuation guides. This is a very long and arduous process. In fact, the Library has not been following this process for some time, instead expensing materials in the year in which they are purposed. To bring policy in line with our current practice and that of most libraries today, the proposed policy will formally adopt the practice of the yearly expensing of materials. Jane Morrison moved that the policy as proposed be adopted. Doris Bonneau seconded. The vote to adopt was unanimous.

A recap of the APL/LPL Joint board meeting was presented. There was consensus that a vision is needed and that to begin the process an outside consultant should be brought in. The joint subcommittee will discuss this further and draw up recommendations.

Jane Morrison moved and Pat Gautier seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

William Low, Secretary

Accepted: _____

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