

The Auburn Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
May 18, 2016  
Androscoggin Community Room  
7:30 AM

Trustees: William Low, David Murphy, Kirk Egge, Patricia Gautier, Jane Morrison, Doris Bonneau, Susan Weiss, Sonia Buck, Jonathan LaBonté, and Mark Foster. Guest: Liz Clifford, Lewiston Public Library.  
Staff: Mamie Ney, Library Director; Susan Geismar, Development Coordinator

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

Minutes from April 20, 2016, meeting were unanimously accepted on a motion from Kirk Egge with a second from Susan Weiss.

The FY17 budget was the first item on the agenda. Jonathan LaBonté reported that there is a possibility of individual amendments by councilors to restore or target funding. There are small business resources that could benefit the Library along with funds for senior programming. Jonathan encouraged all trustees to reach out to individual councilors. The next reading of the budget is scheduled for Mon., 6/20. Jonathan also recommended that we craft a memorandum of understanding between the Library and the City to delineate services provided to the community by the Library and the amount of support from the City.

Susan Weiss reported that the plans for the online auction are coming along well with more than 50 items promised so far. We need to work on bidder enhancement, especially since we are planning to nearly double the number of items this year. Everyone is encouraged to reach out to their social media circles and to email the link to the auction to friends. Jonathan explained that Facebook posts with pictures do better than posts with just a link to a site. The auction begins at 6 a.m. on June 1<sup>st</sup> (Weds.) and ends on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. (Fri.). All items should be to Susan Geismar by Mon., 5/23, as it takes a fair amount of time to enter them into the system. The website is [www.32auctions.com/apl2016](http://www.32auctions.com/apl2016).

Mamie Ney gave an update on the proposal to convert the Eastman Trust to a Maine-governed unitrust. Dick Trafton represented the Library at hearing in Portland on April 20<sup>th</sup>. There was a suggestion by the probate judge to settle the case. The trust's/beneficiary's attorney has offered about \$40,000 to settle based on IRS valuation tables. However, more information is needed. The next hearing is scheduled for mid-August.

Kirk Egge and Liz Clifford reported on the LPL board meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Approximately one-half of the previous cuts in their materials budget has been restored. The board has also decided to conform to Child Internet Protection Act mandates to filter computers rather than pay a new steep fee. (Auburn opted to filter a number of years ago.) Security issues remain a concern. They will be beefing up security personnel and adding more security cameras. The Marsden Hartley painting is headed to the MMA and will also travel to Colby.

Mamie Ney apologized for not having printed copies of the director's report. She added that there have been additional concerns regarding family visitations. There was an incident at the Library in which one of the parents called the police to intervene. While the Library prides itself on a safe place for families

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and all customers, behavior policies will be enforced. The problems in this case have been addressed with the families. An updated grant status report was distributed.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:39 a.m. by Bill Low with a second from Pat Gautier. The motion passed unanimously.

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William Low, Secretary

Accepted:

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