

The Auburn Public Library
Board of Trustees
October 16, 2018
Conference Room
7:30 a.m.

Trustees: Sonia Buck, Alfreda Fournier, Patricia Gautier, Barbara Trafton, Susan Weiss, Michael Malloy, Bill Low, Dan Hargreaves, Lisa Cesare. Guests: Sarah Gillespie, Lewiston Public Library. Staff: Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director; Susan Geismar, Development Coordinator and Michele D'Auteuil, Administrative Assistant.

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 AM.

Introductions were made.

The minutes of September 18, 2018, were approved without discussion. Motion made by Bill Low and seconded by Susan Weiss. All attendees were in favor.

Governance Committee: Barbara stated the slate of officers for the upcoming year is as follows.

President = Sonia Buck

Vice President = Pat Gautier

Secretary = Bill Low

Treasurer = Susan Weiss

Lisa Cesare motioned to accept the slate as presented. Mike Malloy seconded the motion. All attendees were in favor.

Barbara stated additional new board members may be added in November. Mamie will look into providing all new trustees provide them with an orientation of the Library.

Barbara mentioned creating a "Group of Friends" of library advocates in the community. At the next Governance Committee meeting this ideas will be brought up and discussed.

Holiday Closings: In the past, the library has had limited hours on the eves of Christmas and New Year's. It was suggested by Mamie to close for the entire day on both December 24th and 31st since these days fall on a Monday and little attendance is expected for those days. It is also a morale booster for APL employees. There was a consensus to close for the holiday eves.

Café Update: Mamie informed board members that Cibo Café is gearing up slowly to ensure a satisfying customer experience. They have started offering limited sandwich options for lunch in addition to their breakfast items. Mike Malloy stated he attended the soft opening on October 8th for "Free Pizza Day" and was able to see how Craig handles his customers with compassion and care.

Parking Task Force:

Recently four more employee lot parking spots have been offered as public parking. Mamie advised the trustees that there is nothing new to report on the parking situation. She brought up her concern of where the construction workers of the upcoming development project are going to park and will with the developer about this concern. Development is expected to begin late November, early December.

Mamie spoke with the day manager at Denny's and they told her it was probably not a problem to use their parking lot. Mamie is going to reach out to Denny's senior management and confirm this. She also plans to speak with managers at Office Max and Rite Aid about use of their parking spaces for special events.

Russ Dillingham has provided Mamie with an overview of the area using his drone. Using his footage we are able to see what is open and available and what is not.

It was made clear by all attendees that the Library's green space is important for outdoor programming and is not a viable option for adding additional parking.

Susan Weiss suggested changing signage to say "Auburn Public Library Parking Only" to deter people from parking illegally. The Auburn Police Department handles signage and we need to work with them.

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting held September 27, 2018 was a success and well attended. The speaker, Judy Meyer from the *Sun Journal*, did a great job presenting about current issues for the media and the information was interesting and informative.

LPL Update: Sarah Gillespie informed all that there will not be an October board meeting.

She stated Marcela Peres recently attended Comic Con in New York. Marcela presented on how to encourage librarians to stock graphic novels.

The Great Falls Forum September event was well attended. The Great Falls Forum is to continue on Thursday, October 18th, and will feature Dan Thayer, President, Thayer Corporation, with a talk entitled "Marijuana, Moratoriums, Massive hemp farms. How advanced cultivation techniques are changing agriculture on a world-wide scale." The program will take place from 12 noon to 1 PM in Callahan Hall at the Lewiston Public Library.

November 1, 2018, LPL will be hosting US Poet Laureate Tracy K Smith.

Director's Report: Mamie's report stands as submitted. She added that there is an opening for a Reference Position consisting of 17 hours per week.

Announcements:

Bill Low talked about upcoming LA Arts programs. On Thursday, November 8th at 6PM, LPL, New Beginnings, and L/A Arts will host a talk by photographer Ned Castle of the HIGHLOW Project. This program is presented as part of National Runaway & Homeless Youth Prevention Month in November. He also stated they are celebrating the year of the bird with the Dan Cake Memorial Exhibition and also Dan Marquis will talk about his birding experience and photography.

Barbara informed all that the pollinator garden is completed. It consists of all native perennial plants and is friendly to pollinators and caterpillars. The board and APL would like to thank Barbara Trafton, Jeri Maurer, Nancy Long and Rick Duchesneau for their help in completing this project. The birding programs which included the pollinator garden have been highly successful and fascinating and the garden presents opportunities for outdoor programming. It was also mentioned that the board would love to have Bates students involved with the pollinator garden.

Crystal Harnden, an APL volunteer, passed away suddenly last week. She will be greatly missed. Mamie stated Debora Cleveland, Children Services Director, will purchase books and they will be plated in her name. She also stated there will be APL staff representation at her funeral.

At 8:20 AM Susan Weiss motioned to go into executive session to discuss the Director's Review Process. Barbara seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51.

Accepted:

William Low, Secretary

Date: _____