



Board of Trustees

February 19, 2019

Conference Room

7:30 a.m.

Trustees: Sonia Buck, Alfreda Fournier, Michael Malloy, Lisa Cesare, Liza Dimitri, Laurie Frumiento, Bill Low, Nicole Rancourt. Staff: Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director; Susan Geismar, Development Coordinator; Michele D'Auteuil, Administrative Assistant.

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 AM.

Introductions were made.

The minutes of January 15, 2019, were approved without discussion. Motion made by Nicole Rancourt and seconded by Liza Dimitri. All were in favor.

Parking: Mamie has emailed City Manager Peter Crichton and Assistant City Manager Phil Crowell about parking but has not received a response as of today. The building project's financing should be approved by next week.

FY2020 Budget: Mamie has prepared and submitted the APL budget to the City but she has not heard back as of yet. APL is requesting a \$6,000 increase. In the CIP Mamie has asked for carpeting. Mamie has also asked to budget for the replacement of approximately 1/3 of APLs' computers. Mamie is waiting to hear back yay or nay from the City.

Governance Committee: The committee is not present today and because of inclement weather the previous meeting was cancelled. There will be a report on the next meeting in March.

Online Auction: APL online auction begins Wednesday, May 29th. The goal for 2019 is to raise \$9,000. Anyone on the board that has interest in helping with the online auction should speak with Nicole Rancourt about joining the Online Auction Committee. She will have a list of all businesses and individuals that have donated and what they donated in the past to assist with the solicitation of gifts this year.

APL and online auction committee members are tasked with soliciting gifts and sponsorships. In the past, \$100 was the average cost of a sponsorship however because some have requested to donate larger dollar amounts, APL is considering having silver, gold and platinum sponsorship levels. Sponsorship is available to both businesses and individuals. All sponsors will have their logo and links on the online auction website.

Development Report: This is Susan Geismar's last board meeting. Mamie made it known that Susan has done an incredible job and her legacy of organizing and putting things back together will carry on. The board also wishes to thank Susan for her hard work and dedication over the past four years.

Susan stated that in the next two weeks she will be putting together and submitting four grants. One is an autism grant for librarians to put together programs for people on the autism spectrum.

To date approximately \$5,600 has been given to APL in honor of Francis Hamilton. APL will be speaking to Mr. Hamilton about creating an endowment in her name.

Last week all information concerning APL unrestricted and restricted funds was handed over to Maine Community Foundation and they will be sending APL a quarterly income distribution check.

Susan Geismar also discussed how endowments created by the APL board are revocable where as if the endowments are created by the donors themselves they are irrevocable. APL in most cases does not spend more than 4% of the funds' earnings per year. The auditor will be at APL in March to review reports Susan has compiled of where the funds are and the amounts of each fund.

The first interview for Susan's replacement is set for today. Mamie stated there are five applicants thus far.

Director's Report: Mamie's report stands as submitted.

Mamie shared with the board that Auburn's 150th birthday celebration is February 22nd. APL will be celebrating throughout the day with a KIDS! Happy Birthday Story Time at 10AM, birthday cake at 11AM and our annual Homestead Goods and Farmer's market from 4:30PM – 6:30PM.

Bill Low advised the board to checkout L/A Arts exhibition of paintings, drawings and prints by beloved area artist, Dan Cake. "Dan Cake: A Tribute to the Artist in the Year of the Bird", will be on until Thursday, February 21st. In addition to honoring Dan's legacy and his dedication to his artwork, the exhibition celebrates the closing month of the Year of the Bird. The exhibition also celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of The Stanton Bird Club, which was founded in Lewiston, in 1919 and named in honor of Dr. Jonathan Y. Stanton, a professor at Bates College in Lewiston.

A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Malloy and seconded by Lisa Cesare. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Accepted:

William Low, Secretary

Date: _____