

## Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

7:30 a.m. ZOOM Meeting

**Present:** Patricia Gautier, Liza Dimitri, Nicole Rancourt, Katie Boss, Lisa Cesare, Lisa Trafton, Doris Bonneau, Susan Weiss, Heidi McCurdy, Alfreda Fournier, Sarah Gillispie (LPL), Mamie Anthoine Ney, APL Director, Haley Warden, APL Director of Engagement.

1. **Call to Order/Introductions:** The online meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m.
2. **What have you been reading?** Haley spoke about a new feature that will begin online in April. Trustees will take turns writing a piece about what they are reading and we will share it on the APL website. Thank you for sharing your authors and titles.
3. **Approval of the February 2021 Board Minutes** was passed after a motion by Alfreda and seconded by Nicole.
4. **Director's Report/ Covid-19 Update :** Mamie asked us to refer to the report that was emailed to everyone. She also stated that Beth Lyons would be returning to the library as Mamie's administrative assistant. Great news!
5. **"Fun" Raising Committee Update:** Nicole stated that \$8500 has been promised so far from sponsors with more coming into the library. How wonderful! All board members have been asked to contact Haley with an updated report of their assigned businesses. We are fast approaching the April 30th deadline for items/donations/coupons. We would like to receive all sponsorships by March 30th, please. And as stated before, physical items/coupons/donations should be delivered to the library by April 30th. The sub committee is currently working on the retail value of the Book Around Town bag, and we need your help in order to accurately access this price. Thank you!
6. **Governance Committee:** Susan and Doris reported that their sub committee meeting was quite long, as they were discussing board term limits. Each term is 3 years long, and can be repeated 3 times, resulting in 9 total years. Soon, Doris and Susan will be "termining" out and we need to find suitable people to fill these big shoes. It was stated that we are looking for people who love the Library, maybe those with banking or marketing skills, or who add diversity to the board through different ages or ethnicities, possibly new Mainers. Mamie will put a request out in the newsletter. They must live in Auburn, as the Minot seat is currently filled. We may look at a student at CMCC or ELHS. More to come on this issue.
7. **LPL Board Report:** Thank you to Sarah Gillespie for joining us from the LPL. She stated that the LPL was very proud and excited as they had 180 attendees for their

Zoom with Auburn City Councilor Katie Boss, of Healthy Androscoggin, and Dr. Nirav Shah, Maine CDC Director in January. The Zoom was part of the 2020-2021 season of the Great Falls Forum. Dr. Shah was interviewed by local public health professional Katie Boss, on the topic "New Year's Resolutions for Maine's Health: COVID-19, Vaccines, Mental Health and Looking Ahead." The program was streamed to the Lewiston Public Library Facebook page. LPL has been getting ready to reopen, and will offer browsing appointments soon. They have also been inspecting the by-laws and going over their annual budget, as all fines have been eliminated.

8. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 am. With a motion by Alfreda, seconded by Doris.

**9. Next Meeting: April 20, 2021**