

APL Board of Trustees Minutes

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Present: Pat Gautier, Lisa Cesare, Nicole Rancourt, Michael Malloy, Dana Staples, Susan Weiss, and Mariah Pfeiffer (LPL Board member)

APL staff: Mamie Ney, Haley Warden, Bethany Lyons.

Excused: Liza Dimitri, Heidi McCurdy

Absent: Daniel Hargreaves

1. Call to Order/Introductions

The online meeting was called to order at 4:38 PM.

2. What have you been reading:

Mamie Ney - The Good Left Undone (advance copy) by Adriana Trigiani

Lisa Cesare - While Justice Sleeps by Stacey Abrams

Pat Gautier - Still stuck in WW2 era. Has read Band of Sisters; Last Night in London; and All the Ways we Said Goodbye. Also read Sweet Sister.

Susan Weiss - The Correspondents: Six Women Writers on the Front Lines of WWII by Judith Mackrell

Dana Staples - Read a book about traffic; Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl; Greenwich Park; The Simple Path to Wealth by JL Collins; The Book of the Most Precious Substance by Sara Gran; and Indistractable by Nir Eyal

Michael Malloy - Continuing his reading about the history of the English-speaking people; and A Carnival of Snackery by David Sedaris

Haley Warden - Reading three young adult trilogies; Reading a Kindle e-book published by her sister (Terri Burton) called Villians

Bethany Lyons - Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan (advanced copy)

3. Approval of the January 25, 2022 Minutes

The meeting minutes from the January 25, 2022 meeting were approved with no changes. There was a motion by Dana Staples and seconded by Lisa Cesare to approve the minutes. This passed unanimously.

4. "Fun" Raising Committee Update

Nicole Rancourt gave an update on the committee. Book Around Town (BAT) is happening this year! Haley Warden has the first round of sponsorship letters (cash donations only) which will go out this week. Nicole will send the Board a portion of the list to be contacted. Reminder that for homework, Board members were asked to provide names of new donors or sponsors. Please email Haley and Nicole if you know of anyone who should be sent a sponsorship letter. Next month the Board will be working on items/coupons to go into the BAT bags.

5. Governance Committee: Director's Evaluation Survey

Pat reported that there has been no word from Liz Allen on the Director's survey, which was sent to Allen in January. It was suggested to contact Auburn's HR Director (Christine Mumau) for help (and she has two other support staff working under her who might help). Susan Weiss reminded board members to continue to think about new members. She has reached out to a potential new member.

6. Estate of Margery Schuler

Mamie reported to the Board that she received notice in January that the APL is a beneficiary of a former customer who died earlier this year. Margery Schuler left the bulk of her estate to the library. Schuler's lawyer, Shawn Bell, will be finishing her taxes and closing out her estate and will, at that time, hand over everything to APL. The estate is substantial and includes several original paintings and sketchbooks. Mamie has reached out to Bill Low, the curator at Bates College and he has agreed to work with us on this donation. This item will be kept on the agenda for the March board meeting to be discussed further.

7. Lewiston Public Library Report

LPL board member, Mariah Pfeiffer, attended the meeting and updated the board on what is going on at LPL. They are revamping the kids room and have updated their meeting room/event policy to be in line with ALA policy. This will be voted on at their next meeting. The Board has also been talking about their investment principles.

8. Director's Report

Mamie Ney sent a full copy of her report to trustees but it appears to have not gone through. She will resend the document to the Board. Nothing additional to report.

9. Treasurer's Report Discussion

Michael Malloy reported that financial reports was received by the board. There were some questions from the Board about various expenditures. Mamie reported that Cibo Pizza has purchased a new pizza oven and because of this, was given a reduction on rent until March 15, 2022. At this time, full rent of \$750 will be due again. Meeting rooms are back open for rent but have not been utilized as much as in the past. The PPP loan is still showing on the books and Mamie will ask the bookkeeper to adjust this.

Other Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM with a motion by Susan Weiss and seconded by Lisa Cesare. All in favor.

Signed:

Bethany Lyons, APL Administrative Assistant

Date: _____

Next Board meetings:

March 22, 2022 8:00 AM and April 26, 2022 4:30 PM