

APL Board of Trustees Minutes

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Present: Pat Gautier, Lisa Cesare, Nicole Rancourt, Michael Malloy, Dana Staples, Susan Weiss, Heidi McCurdy, Sarah Gillespie (LPL Board member)

APL staff: Mamie Ney, Haley Warden, Bethany Lyons

Excused: Liza Dimitri

Absent: Katie Boss

1. Call to Order/Introductions

The online meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM.

2. What have you been reading:

Mamie Ney – Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf and Matrix by Lauren Groff

Lisa Cesare - Tell the Bees I am Gone (book #9) in Outlander Series by Diana Gabaldon

Pat Gautier - Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult

Susan Weiss – Matrix by Lauren Groff and Intimicities: A Novel by Katie Kitamura

Dana Staples – Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson; The Night Shift by Alex Finlay; and (with the best title) I Don't know What I Want, But Know it's Not This by Julie Jansen

Nicole Rancourt – When No One is Watching by Alyssa Cole

Heidi McCurdy – What I Carry by Jennifer Longo (a North Star Book Award)

Michael Malloy – Indistractable by Nir Eyal and continuing with the Churchill History of English (book 2)

Sarah Gillespie – The Cartographers by Peng Shepherd

Haley Warden – The Nevermoor series by Jessica Townsend and The Bone Shard Daughter series by Andrea Stewart

Bethany Lyons – An advanced copy of The It Girl by Ruth Ware

3. Approval of February 22, 2022 Minutes

The meeting minutes from the February 22, 2022 meeting were approved with no changes. There was a motion by Nicole Rancourt and seconded by Michael Malloy to approve the minutes. This passed unanimously.

4. “Fun” Raising Committee Update

Nicole Rancourt gave an update on the committee. The first round of Book Around Town sponsorship letters (cash donations only) went out. So far, \$3,950 has been pledged with some monies already received. Nicole asked that the Board please keep the calls going and keep both Haley and Nicole updated on the results. This week, donor letters for items/coupons that will go into the BAT bags will be sent out. There will be a new bag for 2022. Pat asked that the spreadsheets be updated to list what was given last year. There were lots of positive comments on how the process is much more streamlined and easier in this second year.

5. Governance Committee Update

Susan Weiss reported that Katie Boss is no longer a member of the committee. The Director’s evaluation survey has been approved and will be coming soon. The committee discussed that while Mamie is responsible for the Cibo management, the committee would like to be informed about the collected rent in her monthly report. The Board discussed two potential new trustees. The committee brought forward a new Board member, Ralph Harder. Susan read a brief bio that he’d written. A motion was made by Lisa Cesare and seconded by Susan Weiss to add Mr. Harder to the Board. All were in favor. Susan Weiss reports that she will notify him about the April meeting, and Bethany Lyons will add him to the Board lists. The group has also been making process in updating the Trustee handbook.

6. Lewiston Public Library Report

Sarah Gillespie, LPL Board member, attended the meeting to give an update. Because there is no longer a state of emergency, the Board is meeting in person. Sarah reported that Karen Jones, their Collection Services Librarian for the past 33 years, is leaving. She will stay on part-time during the transition. They are about halfway done with the RFID tagging process. It is budget season and they are looking to refresh the Children’s area, which is about 25 years old. Marcella Peres, Director, will be out of the library on parental leave and Katherine Webber will be acting director until she returns. They have resumed in-person programming for school-aged children, but are not holding in-person programs for children under 5 due to the lack of a COVID vaccine.

7. Treasurer’s Report Discussion

Michael Malloy reported that financial reports were received by the board. He reported that the balance sheet looks strong and we’re where we need to be. The Board discussed the current status of the Margery Schuler estate; the personal representative is still working on settling the estate and his paralegal and a representative from APL will do an inventory together in the near future.

8. Director’s Report

Mamie Ney sent a full copy of her report to trustees. Nothing additional to report. Board reported that they liked the new, more specific format.

Other Business

Dana Staples brought up his concern and frustration that Overdrive was suspended in recent years, and he has difficulty connecting a Kindle. Mamie suggested he write a letter to the State Library, as this decision was made on a state level, not a local one.

Lisa Cesare asked about the status of masking at the library. Mamie reported that masks are “recommended and appreciated” for customers (as of 3/15/22) and for staff (as of 3/21/22).

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 AM with a motion by Lisa Cesare and seconded by Dana Staples. All in favor.

Signed:

Bethany Lyons, APL Administrative Assistant

Date: _____

Next Board meetings:

April 26, 2022 4:30 PM

May 24th 8:00 AM

June 28th 4:30 PM

No July meeting