

**WINTHROP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES AGENDA
THURSDAY, December 27, 2007 - 6:30 P.M.**

1. Call to order and acceptance of previous minutes

2. New Business

Election of new officers.

Appointment of new Circulation Supervisor

Opening for General Library Assistant

Library re-opens Wednesday nights 12/19/07

3. General Business

Budget Transfer Request for \$5,000 will be made to
Town Accountant

4. Date of next meeting – January 9, 2008 (?)

5. Motion to adjourn

Board of Trustees
Winthrop Public Library and Museum
Thursday, December 27, 2007

Attendees: John Cronin, Director; Jim Matarazzo, Chair; Steve Dalton, Susan Brazil,
John Tranfaglia, Richard Tyrell, Jan Flaherty, Administrative
Assistant

NOTE: This was the first meeting of the Board in the newly dedicated and richly appointed Ron Bergman Reading Room.

Call to order: 6:45 pm

Mr. Dalton moved to accept the minutes of November 15, 2007. Mrs. Brazil seconded the motion which was then approved.

MINUTES

Election of new Officers

Mr. Dalton nominated the following board members for office:

Dr. James Matarazzo, Chair; John Tranfaglia, Vice-Chair; Betty Peabody, Treasurer; Richard Tyrell, Secretary. Dr. Matarazzo and Mr. Tranfaglia accepted the nominations, Ms. Peabody and Mr. Tyrell's nominations were in absentia.

Mrs. Brazil moved to close the nominations, Mr. Dalton seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous. Mr. Tyrell accepted his elected position when he arrived.

Appointment of new Circulation Supervisor

Mr. Cronin informed the Board that Mr. Peter Solomon was appointed to the position of Circulation Supervisor, as of December 17, 2007.

General Assistant Librarian

Mr. Arthur Languirand is the sole applicant for the position of General Assistant Librarian, which was vacated by the promotion of Mr. Solomon. Mr. Languirand is serving in the capacity of part-time Computer Operator.

Wednesday Openings

Mr. Cronin announced that the library has re-opened on Wednesday nights, starting on December 19, 2007. This gives the public access to the library's services for fifty (50) hours per week.

Mr. Cronin's Resignation

Mr. Cronin respectfully submitted his resignation as library Director, effective July 31, 2008. He hopes that this will give the Board enough time to find his successor. Board members tried unsuccessfully to convince Mr. Cronin to continue his work at the Winthrop Public Library and Museum.

Benches

The Mystery Book Club has gathered enough donations to purchase a bench in the name of Carolyn Proctor, a deceased member of the Club.

There have been several donations made in the name of Ms. Evelyn Maurici, the recently deceased Circulation Supervisor. Mrs. Rita Driscoll of the town Health department has requested that these donations be used for another bench, in the memory of Ms. Maurici.

Mr. Cronin will speak to Mrs. Driscoll, the Mystery Book Club, and the Friends of the Library regarding the purchase of benches and their placements.

State Aid

Mr. Cronin announced that the State Aid check has arrived, in the amount of \$20,016.59, and was deposited December 27, 2007.

Budget Transfer

Mr. Cronin informed the Board that a budget transfer request will be made to the Town Accountant, to remove the amount of \$5,000.00 from the NOBLE account and place it in the Payroll account.

Meeting with Town Manager

A meeting was held with Town Manager Rick White, to look at the Library and decide which areas of need should be addressed. It may be possible to ask the Town for an override vote, to obtain the money needed. Mr. Dalton suggested strongly that an increase be targeted in the budget for sustainable things, such as at part time reference assistant in the Museum.

Discussion ensued about the FY 2009 budget, due for submission on January 2, 2008. It seems positions that were approved, but not funded by the previous Town government (Selectmen) have 'disappeared' in the new government, specifically an assistant for the Museum Mr. Dalton suggested that prior to an override vote, a focus group be created to as a way to target new areas of services, increase circulation, and re-create positions such as the Museum assistant. He used the Reading Public Library as an example; Mr. Cronin will approach the Reading library for any documentation to support their programs.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 9, 2007, 6:30 pm in the Bergman Room

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Brazil, and seconded by Mr. Tyrell.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.