

**WINTHROP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES AGENDA
Wednesday, January 09, 2008, 6:30 P.M.**

1. Call to order and acceptance of previous minutes

2. Old Business

Safe deposit box opened at Bank of America will be closed and valuable items will be returned to Museum archive room which is alarmed.

4. New Business

- FY08 budget transfer requests

Transfer of \$5000 from NOBLE approved

- FY09 budget requested (see handout)

Will keep us to ??

5. General Business

Formal request from Board to ask what is happening with The Helen Black Fund?

3. Date of next meeting – February 13, 2008 (?) and subsequent meetings

4. Motion to adjourn

**WINTHROP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING
January 9, 2008,**

Minutes

Trustees meeting, January 9, 2008, Ron Bergman Reading room. Winthrop Public Library.

Mr. Matrazzo called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M. The following named trustees were present: James Matarazzo, Chairman; Susan Brazil, Stephen Dalton, Betty Peabody and Richard Tyrell. The Library was represented by John Cronin, Director; Ann Gutting, Assistant Director, and Janice Flaherty, Administrative Assistant.

Minutes

Mr. Tyrell moved to have the minutes of December 27, 2007, accepted as presented. Mr. Dalton seconded the motion which was then approved.

Old Business

1. Mr. Cronin has not had a reply from the Reading Library – he will place another call to its Director.
2. Mr. Cronin announced that our bank safety deposit box has been closed as being no longer necessary owing to the new alarm system on the Museum.
3. Benches. There are two memorial benches under consideration., one for Carolyn Proctor, and one for Evelyn Maurici, who expressed a desire to have hers placed at Deer Island.

New Business

1. FY08 budget transfer requests. Mr. Dalton move to transfer up to \$10,000 From State Aid to Supplies and Equipment to then be shifted to the Personnel account. Ms. Peabody seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
2. FY09 budget. Mr. Dalton move that trustees reflect a vote of confidence in the budget as submitted by the Director, Mr. Cronin. Ms Peabody seconded the motion which then won the support and applause of the trustees.
3. Staff appointments. Mr. Peter Solomon has been appointed Circulation Supervisor and Mr. Arthur Languirand is to be the General Library Assistant.

4. Search Committee. Mr. Matarazzo took nominations for the sub-committee that will search for a new Director. The following trustees were nominated: Mr. Matarazzo, Mr. Tranfaglia and Ms. Peabody. Mr. Dane, Friends of the Library, was also nominated.

Mr. Tyrell made the motion to close the nominations which was seconded by Mr. Dalton and approved. Mr. Matarazzo made the motion to approve the Search Committee as nominated. Mr. Dalton seconded the motion which was approved with out dissent.

General Business

1. Elevator. Mr. Cronin has made arrangements for the elevator to run to the second floor without a key.
2. Helen Black Fund. The trustees have received varying accounts fo the balance in the Helen Black Trust Fund.

Mr. Dalton move that the Director write a formal letter, attaching the Treasurer's statement, to Mr. Michael Bertino in order to confirm the precise status of the Black Fund. Ms. Peabody seconded the motion which then passed with applause.

Subsequent Meetings

The trustees plan to meet at 6:30 P.M. in the Ron Bergman Reading Room on the following dates. Wednesday, February 13, 2008; Wednesday, March 26, 2009; Wednesday, April 16, 2008 and on Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

Adjournment

Mr. Dalton, with cheerful aplomb, made the most satisfying motion of the evening at 7:30 P.M., when he called for adjournment. Ms. Peabody, with her usual good sense, quickly seconded the motion, which passed with the speed of a Jonathan Papelbon fast ball.

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