

Winthrop Public Library
Board of Trustees Library Agenda
Wednesday, January 29, 2009 6:30 P.M.

1. Reading and acceptance of last (Jan. 7, 2009) meeting's minutes

2. Old Business
 - FY 2010 Budget Proposal

3. New Business
 - Further cuts to FY 2009 Budget (\$140K-\$150K)!!!
 - Possible override vote on FY 2010 Budget

4. Date of Next Meeting – February 18, 2009 (?)

5. Motion to adjourn

Board of Trustees
Winthrop Public Library and Museum

Minutes

Trustees meeting, January 29, 2009, Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library.

Mr. Matarazzo called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M. The following named trustees were present: James Matarazzo, Chairman; John Tranfaglia, Vice-Chairman; Betty Peabody, and Richard Tyrell. The library was represented by Alan Thibeault, Director; Ann Gutting, Assistant Director; John Cronin, Director Emeritus; Janice Flaherty, Administrative Assistant, and Richard Allen, Technical Services Librarian. Erin Flaherty also attended the meeting as did Henry Dane and Nancy Dane, Friends of the Library

Minutes

Ms. Peabody moved to accept the minutes of January 7, 2009. Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion which was then approved.

Old Business

Mr. Thibeault submitted his budget proposal for Fy 2010, with a letter to Mr. Bertino detailing budget scenarios reflecting a 5%, a 10%, and 15% cut, with the consequences they entail

The Fy 2010 budget proposal was detailed and comprehensive.

Mr. Tranfaglia voiced the opinion that a letter should be forwarded to Mr. Bertino pointing out that the library could not operate with any higher figure.

New Business

The other shoe fell when Mr. Thibeault related that in a meeting with department heads at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday morning, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Bertino announced that they will propose to the Town Council that \$190,000 be taken from the Fy 2009 budget and that the library be closed for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Trustees then huddled to fashion the best possible response to this latest crisis. Trustees will contact members of the Town Council to alert them to the need for the library to remain open as a resource for the citizens of Winthrop, and to inform

them that the cost of closing the library could be prohibitive.

For instance, the library owes NOBLE \$15,000 for the remainder of the year--not paying this bill could be construed as a breach of contract. Re-entering NOBLE at a future date would carry a fee of \$25,000.

Next Meeting

The trustees will meet next at 6:30 P.M. in the Hazlett Meeting Room, on February 15, 2009.

Adjournment

Mr. Tranfaglia moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. Ms. Peabody seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved.

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