

Winthrop Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 12, 2009 6:30 p.m.

1. Reading and acceptance of minutes from the previous (October 7, 2009) meeting.

2. Budget/Financial Updates

3. Old Business

**** Update: Library Long Range/Strategic Plan.**

**** Update: Florence & Bernie Basch Room.**

4. New Business

**** Election results: New trustee – Virginia Wallace**

**** State budget cuts: Regional automation & state aid to public libraries**

**** NOBLE: Open source software to replace Innovative Millenium interface?**

**** Marketing of Library Services**

**** Entrepreneurial/Funding initiatives**

**** Purchase two new staff PCs (\$1,710) [ACTION]**

**** Yankee Notions concert – 12/17/09**

**** 1/2 day open: November 25th (Thanksgiving Eve)**

5. Date of Next Meeting

6. Motion to adjourn

Board of Trustees
Winthrop Public Library and Museum

Minutes

Trustees meeting, November 12, 2009, Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library.

Mr. Matarazzo called the meeting to order at 6:39 P.M. The following named trustees were present: James Matarazzo, Chairman; John Tranfaglia, Vice Chairman; Stephen Dalton, Betty Peabody, and Richard Tyrell. The library was represented by Alan Thibeault, Director; Ann Gutting, Assistant Director, and Janice Flaherty, Administrative Assistant. Virginia Wallace, trustee elect, also attended the meeting.

Minutes

Mr. Tranfaglia moved to accept the minutes of October 7, 2009, as presented. Ms. Peabody seconded the motion which was then passed.

Budget/Financial Updates

Mr. Thibeault presented FY 10 Library Financials as of November 12, 2009: Line Items, Discretionary Funds, and Fines P'd to Town.

Old Business

A. Update: Library Long Range/Strategic Plan. Mr. Thibeault provided trustees with Long Range Planning with NMRLS that was developed by the ad hoc committee on November 5, 2009.

B. Update: Florence & Bernie Basch Room. The Director reported that the new bookcase is 90% finished. Black and gold are the colors of the fireplace, and sign, and the new clock. The Evelyn Maurici collection will be housed in the Basch Rom.

New Business

A. Election. Virginia Wallace received a round of applause as her election to the Board of Trustees was noted.

B. State Budget cuts. State Aid is pegged at c \$5,000. So far, no further cuts have been inflicted.

C. NOBLE: Open source software. The cost initially will be about the same as it is now, but the library should save money over the long run. Mr. Thibeault indicated that he would vote in favor of Evergreen.

Mr. Dalton moved to support the Director's recommendation regarding open source software to replace Innovative Millenium interface. Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion which swiftly passed.

D. Marketing of Library Services. Mr. Dalton was appointed to draft a letter in behalf of the library. A vote was not required.

E. Entrepreneurial/Funding initiatives. Mr. Thibeault will develop and expand on plans to help fund the needs of the library. He will develop ideas on a Library Foundation and the continuing role of the Friends.

F. Purchase two new staff PCs (\$1,710). Ms. Peabody moved that a request be made to the Friends to underwrite the two PCs. Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion which was then passed. If the Friends are unable to make this purchase, the PCs would be placed on the agenda for next month.

G. Yankee Notions concert--12/17/09. The concert was announced, and the recommendation was made that donations be accepted.

H. $\frac{1}{2}$ day open November 25 (Thanksgiving Eve). The plan is for the library to open at 9:30 A.M. and to close at 11:00 A.M. on November 25, 2009.

I. John Cronin. Plans are underway to honor John Cronin for his outstanding service to the library as Director.

Next Meeting

The trustees will meet next on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. in the Hazlett Meeting Room.

Adjournment

Ms. Peabody, with her hands in the air in the manner of a referee declaring a Patriot's touchdown, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Mr. Dalton seconded the motion with his two hands, and the rest of us clapped approval.

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