

**WINTHROP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES AGENDA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2006 6:30 P.M.**

1. Bills to be signed
2. Call to order and acceptance of previous minutes
3. Old Business
 - a. Wireless Hookup at Reference Desk
 - b. MBLC/Trustees Session
4. New Business
 - a. Budget Submission – First Meeting
 - b.. Basch Family Donation
5. General Business
 - a. Library card replacement fees
6. Date of next meeting
7. Motion to adjourn

Board of Trustees Winthrop Public Library & Museum

Trustees meeting, Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library
February 9, 2006.

Mr. Matarazzo called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. The following trustees were present: James Matarazzo, Chairman; Alex Alexanian, Vice-Chairman; Stephen Dalton, Betty Peabody, John Tranfaglia and Richard Tyrell. The library was represented by John Cronin, Director, and Janice Flaherty, Administrative Assistant. Erin Flaherty, public member of the Capital Improvement Committee, also attended the meeting.

Minutes

Mr. Dalton moved to accept the minutes of January 12, 2006. Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Old Business

- a. Wireless hookup at Reference Desk. NOBLE favors Atrion for the hookup, but Mr. Cronin will follow the rules and seek three bids for the work.
- b. MBLC/Trustess session. Mr. Cronin re-issued the invitation to trustees to attend this session on Saturday, February 11th in Chelmsford.

At this point, taking “library card replacement fees” from under General Business, Mr. Cronin reported that the new \$3.00 replacement fee, in force for three months, has proved most salutary,

Mr. Dalton, who had earlier opposed the fee, said “I humbly move to make this fee permanent.” Mr. Alexanian seconded the motion. Unanimous.

New Business

- a. Budget submission—First meeting. Mr. Matarazzo and Mr. Alexanian attended this meeting with Michael Bertino and Ginna Wilder. The trustees were both pleased with the tenor of the meeting and the easy “give and take.”

Attention then centered on the possibility of a planning grant of \$20,000 from the Board of Library Commissioners.

Mr. Cronin announced plans for a Lincoln display featuring the showing of a plate from the Civil War era. Mr. Dalton noted his apprehension at displaying such artifacts. Mr. Cronin will look into the costs of added security.

Mr. Cronin related that the library is hard-pressed for shelf space, and the weeding of old materials is in progress.

b....Basch Family Donation. Mr. Bernard Basch promised to donate \$30,000 to the library with only one stipulation: that a room in the library be named in honor of his parents, Florence and Bernie Basch.

Mr. Alexanian moved that the Director of the Library select an appropriate room for the Basch memorial. Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cronin noted that the opening of the Friends bookstore, "Bookends," was a rousing success.

Mr. Tranfaglia moved, at 7:11 P.M. that the trustees go into executive session to discuss the promotion of the Children's Librarian. The motion was seconded simultaneously by Ms. Peabody and Mr. Dalton and then passed unanimously.

Mr. Alexanian moved to adjourn the executive session and the meeting at 7:34 P.M. Ms. Peabody seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Date of Next Meeting

The trustees will meet on March 9, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. in the Hazlett meeting room.