

Board of Trustees
Winthrop Public Library and Museum

Minutes

Trustees meeting, Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library, April 14, 2005.

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

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Mr. Alexanian moved that the minutes of March 24, 2005, be accepted. Ms. Peabody seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Old Business

a. Gift to the Library. Mr. Matarazzo reported on the gift of \$5,000 to the library Hyde account by Dr. Gino Cascieri in memory of his aunt, Ms. Adelaide Ruth Ginepra, whose portrait, on loan to the library, now hangs in the Hazlett Meeting Room.

A presentation ceremony was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, and was attended by Dr. Cascieri, Mr. Indresano, Ms. Gutting, Mr. Matarazzo, Mr. Alexanian, and Ms. Peabody.

b. Sub-Committee Report: Building Maintenance. Mr. Alexanian submitted a comprehensive report on the "Repair and Construction Requirements Regarding the Winthrop Public Library and Museum."

Mr. Alexanian thanked Ms. Gutting for her assistance and he also credited Mr. Dalton, Mr. Tranfaglia and Ms. Erin Flaherty for their assistance.

Mr. Tyrell made the motion to approve this report, to regard it as a working paper, and to send copies to the Capital Renovations Committee, and the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Alexanian seconded the motion which was then unanimously adopted.

c. Sub-Committee Report: Director Search. Mr. Matarazzo and Mr. Tranfaglia, fulfilling their promise to search aggressively for a Director, submitted the name of Mr. John R. Cronin to the trustees as a worthy candidate for their consideration.

The trustees, impressed with Mr. Cronin's vita that reflected outstanding credentials, invited the candidate into the meeting for a formal interview. Mr. Cronin expressed a close knowledge of the WPL and its needs, having served as a trustee for about 20 years, and chairman of trustees for about half that time. Mr. Cronin also impressed trustees

with his proposed collegial approach to the running of the library. After the successful interview was completed, Mr. Cronin was asked to remain in the library, as the trustees judged his candidacy privately. Mr. Alexanian then submitted the following motion:

I move that Mr. John Cronin be nominated for the position of the Director of the Winthrop Public Library and Museum. This nomination is subject to the successful completion of the interview process, the reception of letters of reference, the required character background check, and the culmination of contractual negotiations between the candidate, Mr. Cronin, and the trustees sub-committee consisting of Mr. Tranfaglia and Mr. Matarazzo. Pending the successful completion of interviews and contractual agreements, the starting date for employment shall be based on final negotiations-- but should be no later than August 1, 2005.

Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved.

General Business

Boiler. Ms. Gutting brought the trustees up to date with an E Mail and Fax describing the problems with the boiler. One section of the boiler has expired; replacement cost is estimated at \$3500. The expansion tank also needs to be replaced at a cost estimate of \$600.

Ms. Virginia Wilder will inform Ms. Gutting as to the procedure to be followed.

Date of Next Meeting

The trustees will meet next on June 2, 2005, in the Hazlett meeting Room at the usual hour of 6:30 P.M.

Adjournment

Mr. Tranfaglia made the motion to adjourn at 8:04 P.M. Mr. Alexanian seconded the motion which was promptly and unanimously approved.

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