

Board of Trustees
Winthrop Public Library and Museum

Minutes

Trustees meeting Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library, December 16, 2004.

Mr. Matarazzo called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M. The following trustees were present: James Matarazzo, Chairman; Alex Alexanian, Betty Peabody, John Tranfaglia, and Richard Tyrell. The library was represented by Ann Gutting, Acting Director, and Janice Flaherty, Administrative Assistant. Henry Dane, and Ronald Bergman, Friends of the Library, were also in attendance.

Minutes

Mr. Alexanian moved that the minutes of November 18, 2004, be accepted as written. Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Old Business

a. Mr. Matarazzo noted that three applicants have filed papers for the position of Director.

b. Mr. Alexanian moved that a community representative be added to the sub-committee for the search for a new Director. Ms. Peabody seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Notation was then made that Mr. Stephen Dalton had formally resigned from the Board of Library Trustees as of December 9, 2004.

Discussion then centered on finding a replacement for Mr. Dalton.

c. Mr. Tyrell nominated Mr. Alexanian for the position of Vice-Chairman vacated by Mr. Dalton. Mr. Alexanian was then elected unanimously and enthusiastically by the trustees.

d. Mr. Alexanian made the motion to deny borrowing privileges to Beverly, Ma., residents because their library has lost certification. Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

e. Ms. Gutting spoke of the leak that appeared in the ceiling of the museum last week, and she reviewed repairs that were made on the roof from 1992-1994. Research will determine the responsibility for the leak-- hopefully it will be covered by insurance.

f. Trustees discussed capital projects listing priorities: handicap access for the children's room and the meeting room led the list, which also includes the back-door lights and circle area, the museum ceiling, the technical services room, signs, painting, and furniture.

General Business

The library has received certification for 2005, and State aid in the sum of \$13,522.50.

A brief discussion of re-opening on Mondays was held. The Union and the Town negotiator will be consulted, and the funds will have to be pursued.

Ms. Peabody introduced the idea of a teen advisory group. Mr. Dane informed the group that the Friends of the Library will have a special program for youngsters in February.

Mr. Tyrell reported that a Winthrop resident wished to bequeath her late husband's large collection of books to the library. Ms. Gutting will assess the collection, and Mr. Dane promised the assistance of the Friends of the Library.

Date of Next Meeting

The trustess will meet next on Thursday, January 20, 2005, at 6:30 P.M. in the Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room.

Adjournment

Ms. Peabody moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M. Mr. Alexanian seconded the motion which was quickly and unanimously approved.

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