

Board of Trustees
Winthrop Public Library and Museum

Minutes

Trustees Meeting, Hyde Room, Winthrop Public Library, January 25, 2002.

Mr. Dalton called the meeting to order at 5:41 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Stephen Dalton, Chairman; David Redgrave, Vice-Chairman; Edward Hazlett, John Meehan, Donald Ford, and Richard Tyrell. The following staff members were present: Marjorie Hill-Devine, Director, and Ann Gutting, Asst. Director.

Mr. Ford nominated Mr. Tyrell to fill the position of secretary that had been vacated by Mr. Meehan. Mr. Redgrave seconded the motion. Nominations were closed on the motion of Mr. Hazlett. Mr. Tyrell was elected unanimously.

Mr. Redgrave made the motion to suspend audio-taping of meetings. Seconded by Mr. Hazlett. The motion passed. Mr. Meehan abstained.

Agreement was reached to store old tapes in the Trustees' cabinet on the third floor.

Mr. Tyrell made the motion to thank Mr. Meehan for his service as Secretary to the Trustees. Mr. Hazlett seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Action on Minutes not yet approved or accepted was tabled until the next meeting by Chairman Dalton.

The motion to reimburse Mr. Meehan \$50 for tapes that he had purchased was made by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Redgrave. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Meehan generously promised to donate the money to the library lunch fund.

Discussion, led by Director Hill-Devine centered on the Conservation/Assistant Librarian position, and the Assistant Children's Librarian position. The urgency of the full-time position was noted and strategies for obtaining funding were discussed.

The Director also brought the Trustees up-to-date on the handicapped ramp in the Children's Library.

Discussion of the T.D.C. report compiled by Mr. Gordon Gottlieb was tabled by the Chairman after a brief discussion of procedure.

Mr. Hazlett left the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

At 6:55 P.M. Mr. Tyrell made the motion that the Board go into Executive session to discuss "Board Relations." Seconded by Mr. Meehan. Unanimously approved. The Board went into Executive session from 6:55 P.M. until 7:47 P.M.

Mr. Dalton presented a lengthy review of Mr. Meehan's letter of 12/24/01 to the Board of Selectmen. The Chairman also outlined his planned response to the Selectmen.

Mr. Tyrell moved that the Board approve Mr. Dalton's response to the Board of Selectmen's inquiry concerning Mr. Meehan's letter. Mr. Redgrave seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Redgrave gave a progress report on the proposed Nicosia memorial plaque.

Mr. Redgrave made the motion that the Board authorize a customized template for the library to insert in the NOBLE Brochure. Mr. Ford seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Gutting reported that all nine points in the Nicoteria Report would be fully met by Saturday.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, Feb.21, 2002.

Mr. Redgrave made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Ford, with like wisdom, seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Richard S. Tyrell
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Secretary