

Board of Trustees
Winthrop Public Library and Museum

Minutes

Trustees meeting, Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library, June 19, 2002.

Mr. Tyrell called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. The following trustees were present: Richard Tyrell, Chairman; David Redgrave, Vice-Chairman; Stephen Dalton, Donald Ford, and John Meehan. The following staff members were present: Marjorie Hill-Devine, Director, and Ann Gutting, Asst. Director. Also in attendance were librarian, Mary Connolly, trustee applicant, Rick Shifley, AFSCME representative, Matthew Proctor, and Henry Dane.

Late Posting

Owing to the late posting of tonight's meeting, all actions taken this evening must be confirmed at the next meeting.

Chairmanship

Mr. Tyrell stepped down from the chairmanship and then made the motion to elect Mr. Stephen Dalton to that post. Mr. Ford seconded the motion. After brief discussion, the motion was approved unanimously. Members agreed invariably that Mr. Dalton should conduct this evening's meeting.

Acceptance of Minutes

Mr. Redgrave moved to accept the minutes of May 16, 2002. Mr. Ford seconded the motion. Unanimous. The notation was made that Mr. Dalton did not vote on the motion to ban tapes at meetings.

Mr. Redgrave made the motion to accept the minutes of May 29, 2002. Mr. Ford seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Old Business

A. Trustees indicated their desire that thanks to the citizens of Winthrop for their support at Town Meeting II be read into the Minutes.

Mr. Tyrell read and distributed an open letter of thanks to be submitted to the Sun Transcript that was signed by all the trustees.

B. Mr. Dalton registered strong disapproval of Mr. Meehan's letter printed in the Sun Transcript on June 23, 2002. Mr. Meehan responded with a defense of his actions and his letter. Spirited discussion ensued.

C. Mr. Matthew Proctor, AFSCME, appeared for the second time to request that the union dues owed by a former custodian of the library be paid.

Mr. Redgrave made the motion to take one-half the dues (\$122.20) from the Hyde Fund as a good faith payment to the Union, Mr. Tyrell

seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved.

NOBLE Budget

Mr. Redgrave made the motion to take \$1475 from State aid to meet the budget shortfall in the web hosting fee (\$120) and P.C. support (\$1355). Mr. Tyrell seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Mr. Henry Dane commented briefly on Management Information Service.

Gottlieb Report; FY 2003 Action Plan

The trustees agreed to table discussion of guidelines from the Gottlieb Report, and to consider the FY 2003 Action Plan at the next meeting.

Rear Door

Mr. Ford made the motion to accept the bid of Ultimate Window to replace the faulty rear door, on receipt of satisfactory references and graphic examples of the work of this company. State aid will be used to fund this project, \$3250. Mr. Redgrave seconded the motion. Mr. Meehan abstained. The vote was passed 3-0-1.

Nicosia Plaque

Discussion was placed on hold as the Nicosia family continues to grapple with its grief.

New Business

Director Hill-Devine requested a \$500 luncheon allowance for off-site meetings, starting July 1, 2002.

Mr. Redgrave moved that \$500 be taken from library State aid to meet the contingency. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Trustee Candidates

There are three candidates who have submitted letters of application: Ms. Betty Peabody, Mr. Rick Shifley, and Mr. Donald Sullivan. A fourth possible candidate, Mary Reilly McNeil, has not submitted a letter.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet next in the Children's Room of the library on July 2, 2002, at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Mr. Redgrave made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Ford seconded the motion. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

R.S.T.