

Board of Trustees
Winthrop Public Library and Museum

Minutes

Trustees meeting, Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library, June 8, 2004.

Mr. Matarazzo called the meeting to order at 6:39 P.M. The following trustees were present: James Matarazzo, Chairman; Stephen Dalton, Vice-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, Friends of the Library, and Erin Flaherty also attended the meeting that was later joined by William Dacey.

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Mr. Tranfaglia made the motion to accept the minutes of May 25, 2004. Mr. Dalton seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Special Business

Mr. Matarazzo presented a citation to Mr. Dane acknowledging the service of Mr. and Mrs. Dane that reads as follows: "The Board of Trustees of the Winthrop Public Library and Museum acknowledge with thanks and appreciation the creative and consistent efforts of Henry Dane and Nancy Dane in support of its mission and future." The document bears the signatures of James M. Matarazzo, Chair; Stephen J. Dalton, Vice Chair; Richard S. Tyrell, Secretary; Betty Peabody, Treasurer; John Tranfaglia, Alex Alexanian, and Ann Gutting, Acting Director, and is dated June 8, 2004.

Old Business

Mr. Tranfaglia made the motion to send a letter of thanks to the Board of Selectmen and one to the Advisory Committee, and to place an ad in the Transcript thanking Town Meeting members, and Friends of the Library. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peabody and amended to strike the plan for an ad, and, instead, write a general letter of thanks to be sent to the editor of the Transcript for publication. The motion then passed unanimously.

Mr. Dalton proceeded to make the motion to re-open the library on Mondays. Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion, and spirited discussion followed. Mr. Dalton subsequently amended his own motion as follows: "The trustees will give serious consideration to opening the library on Mondays as soon as they have a full understanding of the budget." Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the amended motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Dalton made the motion that the search for a new Director be opened. Mr. Alexanian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the realization on the part of the trustees that definitive action could not be taken until after October 1, 2004. Mr. Matarazzo and Mr. Tranfaglia are the members of the sub-committee on the selection of a Director.

Special Business, II

Mr. Dacey was presented the citation: "Winthrop Public Library Board of Trustees in grateful appreciation to William Dacey for your service as a member of the Board." The acknowledgment was signed by James M. Matarazzo, Chair; Stephen J. Dalton, Vice Chair; Richard Tyrell, Secretary; Betty Peabody, Treasurer; John Tranfaglia, Alex Alexanian, and Ann Gutting, Acting Director, and dated June 8, 2004. This recognition of Mr. Dacey's service was accompanied by a gift from the trustees which was intended to serve as a memento of his service.

General Business

Research continues on the installation of a new railing at the rear of the library. Jeff Schiff will be apprised when the red-tape has been severed, and he will then install the rail.

New Business

Ms. Flaherty was the bearer of good tidings when she announced that that the Town Treasurer has a figure of \$3321.30 remaining in the Helen B. Black Fund. She also reported discovery of \$5649.65 in the Meridian Charitable Fund. These moneys appear as manna from Heaven.

Mr. Dalton requested that Ms. Gutting look into the cost of a ramp-lift to make the Children's Room handicap accessible. Mr. Matarazzo will consult with the Building Inspector.

Next Meeting

The trustees will meet next on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at 6:30 P.M. in the Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room.

Adjournment

Mr. Dalton made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M. Ms. Peabody sapiently seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved.

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