

Board of Trustee
Winthrop Public Library and Museum

Minutes

Trustees meeting, Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library, May 25, 2004.

Mr. Matarazzo called the meeting to order at 6:35 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. Henry and Nancy Dane led a group of Friends of the Library that included Ronald Bergman, Judge Joseph Ferrino, and Margaret Hollenstein. Rick Shifley, Advisory Committee, also attended and shared his knowledge.

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Mr. Tranfaglia made the motion to accept the minutes of May 6, 2004. Ms. Peabody seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Old Business

Mr. Alexanian made the motion that the trustees support the Red Book figure of \$414,529.00, which will ensure library certification. The motion was severally seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Dalton then suggested that an information paper identifying and answering budget questions be distributed at Town Meeting.

Director--Discussion about filling this position was postponed until the next meeting.

Charges--Charges for CDs, videos, tapes etc. were discussed at length, but the matter was ultimately tabled until budget decisions have been made.

New Business

Mr. Dalton made the motion that the votes of May 6, 2004, for the office of treasurer be retracted in order to give trustees the opportunity to recall the excellent work done in that role by Ms. Peabody who was absent for the original vote. Mr. Alexanian readily agreed, and the motion passed.

Mr. Dalton then made the motion that Ms. Peabody be re-elected treasurer. Mr. Alexanian had already generously withdrawn his name as a candidate, and he seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. and Mrs. Dane were thanked for their splendid WCAT presentation on the library that featured Mr. McNiff as moderator, and Mr. Matarazzo, and Mr. Dalton as panelists.

Mr. Dane generously promised to provide two copies of this informative tape for the library.

General Business

Mr. Dalton moved that \$166.00 be taken from State Aid to fund the Technical Services request for processing labels, covers, and cases. Mr. Alexanian seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Ms. Gutting will write a thank-you note to Century 21 for its landscaping gift, and she will also acknowledge the book gift signed by its author, Elisabeth Burton, The Act of Mending, donated in memory of Kathy Nicosia.

Mr. Matarazzo will seek information and action on adding salary compensation to Ms. Gutting's wages for her work as Acting Library Director.

Mr. Dane told of a pedestrian danger spot at the backdoor of the library, and offered a plan to correct the situation. Mr. Jeff Schiff has volunteered to install a railing to bring the area up to code. Permit clearances will be sought.

Ms. Gutting reported that she has used all but \$400.00 of the \$20,110.40 allocated for library materials at the last meeting of the trustees. The money was spent on books, encyclopedias, and the renewal of periodicals.

Next Meeting

The trustees will meet next on Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at 6:30 P.M. in the William A. Hazlett Meeting Room.

Adjournment

Mr. Dalton made the motion to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. Mr. Tranfaglia alertly seconded the motion which was unanimously embraced.

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