

Board of Trustees
Winthrop Public Library and Museum

Minutes

Trustees meeting, Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library, November 18, 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, Friends of the Library, and Erin Flaherty also attended the meeting.

Minutes

Mr. Tranfaglia made the motion to accept the minutes of October 14, 2004. Mr. Alexanian seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Old Business

Director Search: Mr. Matarazzo brought the trustees up to date on the search for a Director. There have been three applicants. The search will be widened.

Charter Commission: Mr. Alexanian reported that he was startled to alertness at a meeting of the Charter Commission as the members considered making library trustees appointees rather than elected members.

Mr. Alexanian moved that a sub-committee be appointed to draft a letter outlining the reasons that an elected board of trustees would best serve the library. Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Alexanian and Mr. Matarazzo will draft a position paper to be submitted to the Charter Commission before its Monday meeting.

Mr. Matarazzo then asked trustees to join him at the Charter Commission meeting on next Monday, at 7:30 P.M. in the William Gorman-Fort Banks School.

It should be noted that the Charter Commission discussion was interrupted as a birthday cake was served and candles extinguished as we all joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to Ms. Ann Gutting on the auspicious occasion of her reaching one more milestone.

Building Maintenance & Repair: The possible use of the Technical Services Room for the Friends of the Library was noted.

Mr. Dane reported that the recent book sale netted just under \$2,000. The Friends also received \$125 for the book remainders with the promise of 50% of the profits over \$250 from the Empire group.

General Business

Ms. Peabody made the motion to create the Andrew Carr Museum Fund. Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion which passed unanimously, with the amendment by Mr. Alexanian that a letter of commendation for support of the museum be sent to Mr. Carr. (Andrew Carr is a civic-minded young man who has been donating funds for the restoration of the museum. Mr. Carr is about ten years old!)

Time was added to fill the empty P/T Position in Tech Services (13 hours/week), and \$56.68 was allocated from State Aid for newly passed COLAS to the Monday Holiday P/T staff on the motion of Mr. Tranfaglia, seconded by Mr. Alexanian. Unanimous.

A brief discussion centered on the possibility of re-opening the library on Mondays. No conclusion was reached.

Date of Next Meeting

The trustees will meet next on December 16, 2004, at 6:30 P.M. in the Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room.

Adjournment

Ms. Peabody moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 P.M. Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion. Unanimous.

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