

Board of Trustees  
Winthrop Public Library and Museum

Minutes

Special trustees meeting, Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library, September 17, 2003.

Mr. Dalton called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M. The following trustees were present: Stephen Dalton, Chairman; James Matarazzo, Vice-Chairman; William Dacey, Betty Peabody, and Richard Tyrell. The library was represented by Ann Gutting, Asst. Director. Henry Dane, Friends of the Library, also attended the meeting.

Mr. Thomas McNiff read a letter that he had sent to Mr. Dalton, dated August 11, 2003. This letter offered three ideas: 1.) That a receipt for donations be made available. (Mr. Dalton has submitted a new form of acknowledgment). 2.) That the status of the Friends of the Library be clarified. 3.) That book plates be used to identify the donors of books.

When Mr. Dane joined the meeting, he pointed out that the Friends may provide only supplementary assistance.

Mr. Dalton then moved the meeting forward by reading a letter, anonymously written, and presented on "Eye on Winthrop." The writer questioned the necessity of closing the library on Mondays. Mr. Dalton will clarify this issue with a letter to the Transcript.

Mr. Dalton then spoke of a Union grievance centering on payment of part-time employees for Monday holidays. The Union sub-committee of the trustees, Mr. Matarazzo and Mr. Tyrell, will meet with representatives of the Union on September 24, 2003, at 7:00 P.M., and again on September 25, 2003, at 10:00 A.M. Ms. Gutting will also attend these meetings. The sub-committee will report to the trustees.

A discussion of the early retirement option ensued; it seems that early retirement is now not a foregone conclusion.

Mr. Matarazzo at 8:12 P.M. enthusiastically moved to adjourn. Ms. Peabody speedily seconded the motion. Unanimous.

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