

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CENTER MORICHES FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
HELD ON APRIL 17, 1972 AT THE LIBRARY

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Mr. F. Lewis Bowditch, president. Also present were:

Mrs. Margaret Waide
Mrs. Cynthia Venerable
Mr. Umberto Carlone

and Mr. C. Gerard Donnelly, Library Director. Mr. Donnelly welcomed Mr. Gerald Levine, newly elected trustee, as a guest to this meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Venerable, seconded by Mrs. Waide, the agenda for the April 17, 1972 meeting was approved as ammended.

On motion of Mrs. Waide, seconded by Mrs. Venerable, the minutes of the March 27 meeting were approved.

REPORTS:

Director's Report:

Mr. Donnelly congratulated Mrs. Venerable and Mr. Levine on their elections to the Board of Trustees, and welcomed them on behalf of the entire Board.

The Board discussed a petition being circulated by the Suffolk Co-Operative Library System urging library patrons to sign statements urging passage of a Bill to increase state aid to libraries. On motion of Mrs. Venerable, seconded by Mrs. Waide, it was decided to display this petition and urge our patrons to sign.

Mr. Donnelly reported a letter from Mr. Jansen at the System asking this and all member libraries to contribute 1/10 of 1% of their total operating budgets toward compiling and maintaining a union list of serials. After much discussion, the Board decided that they would contribute as asked, but that a letter would be forwarded to Mr. Jansen advising him that this Board did not condone this type of fund raising for the future.

Mr. Donnelly reported that he would send a letter of thanks and appreciation on behalf of himself and the Board to Mrs. Linetta Kline, now retired head of the Patchogue Public Library's Childrens Department, for her assistance with children's work at the Center Moriches Library over the years.

Mr. Donnelly reported that Mrs. Ethel Paul has resigned after many years of service. The Board will send a letter of thanks for her work at the Library.

Mr. Donnelly reported the SCLS driver's request for a key to the Library for the daily pick-up and delivery of the inter-library loan and correspondence bag. On motion of Mrs. Waide, seconded by Mrs. Venerable, the Board moved that he be supplied with one back door key.

Mr. Donnelly reported that he planned to attend the Suffolk Co-operative Reference Division's Institute Day to be held at the System office in Bellport, N.Y., on Wednesday, April 19, 1972.

On motion of Mrs. Venerable, seconded by Mrs. Waide, the director's report was accepted with thanks.

Financial Matters:

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On motion of Mr. Carlone, seconded by Mrs. Waide, Mr. Athanasiou's Budget Analysis, quarter ended March 31, 1972 was approved.

On motion of Mr. Carlone, seconded by Mrs. Venerable, Mr. Johnson's Treasurer's Report showing a balance as of March 31, 1972 of \$2,281.19 was approved.

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On motion of Mrs. Venerable, seconded by Mrs. Waide, the bills in the amount of \$812.26 were approved for payment. (See Schedule A attached)

Old Business:

The March 28, 1972, library voting results were reported as follows:

Proposition I The Annual Library Budget for 1972-73
298 Yes 232 No - Passed by 66 votes

Proposition II Assistant Professional Librarian
249 Yes 278 No - Defeated by 29 votes

Proposition III Special Reference Book Budget
277 Yes 248 No - Passed by 29 votes

Total Yes Budget Votes Cast 824

Total No Budget Votes Cast 758

Grand total of votes cast 1,582

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Grand total of trustee votes cast ^t 531

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New Business:

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The Board of Trustees decided not to place Proposition #2 for an Assistant Professional Librarian on the May 3, 1972 ballot along with School District #33 budget, and other propositions and school matters. Proposition II was defeated by Center Moriches voters on March 28, 1972. The Board indicated it would prefer a re-vote on Proposition II at the next annual library voting day in 1973.

On motion of Mr. Carlone, seconded by Mrs. Venerable, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice I. Davis, Clerk

Countersigned:



Dorothy Sullivan
Secretary