

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CENTER MORICHES FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
HELD ON AUGUST 4, 1969 AT THE LIBRARY

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Carmer, at 8:00 p.m. Also present were:

Dr. Schlein - Trustee
Mr. Bowditch - "
Mrs. Bryner - "
Mrs. Sullivan- Trustee-elect
Mr. Donnelly - Library Director.

Mrs. Foster, Trustee, was absent.

Minutes of the regular meeting of July 7 and a special meeting held on July 22 were approved as read.

Correspondence

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Library Director's Report

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Committee Report

The report of the long-range planning committee was read, discussed briefly, and tabled until a future meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. Bills in the amount of \$3,365.73 were approved for payment following audit on motion of Mr. Bowditch. See Schedule A attached. It is noted that a bill in the amount of \$72.45 was approved for payment on July 24. See Schedule B attached.

2. Direct Access - A memorandum dated July 30 from Mr. Esseks, System Board president, and mailed to each member library trustee and director was discussed. Following this, Mr. Carmer was asked to reply to Mr. Esseks to inform him of this Board's agreement in general with the System's proposed revised plan of service as outlined in the memorandum.

3. Recent School District voting on two propositions relating to the Public Library -

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Proposition #2 regarding the purchase of a portable building at a cost to the taxpayers of \$2500, Yes - 235; No - 166; Void - 6.

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5. Following a report by Mr. Bowditch of the Finance Committee, it was moved by Dr. Schlein, seconded by Mr. Bowditch, and approved that in order to facilitate bookkeeping procedures, money for the Library Director's checking account will be provided from the Valley National savings account rather than from the Security National operating account as implied in the original motion approved at the regular meeting of February 10, 1969. (Resolution rescinded - See minutes Oct. 2, 1969)

New Business

The Library Director reported that \$500 worth of oil paintings, on loan from the System, will soon be ready for borrowing by Library patrons. It was pointed out that the System will be responsible for any loss of or damage to the paintings incurred while on loan to Library borrowers.

On motion of Dr. Schlein, seconded by Mrs. Bryner, the Library Director was instructed to obtain bids in conformance with any legal requirements for the work of painting the Library building.

On motion of Dr. Schlein, seconded by Mr. Bowditch, it was approved that in view of the voters' approval of an increased Library tax levy for 1969-70, the non-resident borrower's fee be set at \$24.00 per year for a family and at \$5.00 per year for an individual college student, beginning at once. The charge to summer visitors will remain unchanged at \$5.00 per month.

It was announced that the Board of Education has appointed Mr. Howard Johnson as treasurer of School District #33. Mr. Johnson succeeds J. Wesley Sinnickson in that office.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey R. Bryner
Secretary