

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CENTER MORICHES FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
HELD ON MARCH 10, 1969 AT THE LIBRARY

Mr. Carmer, president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present, also, were Dr. Schlein, Mr. Bowditch, Mrs. Bryner, and Mr. Donnelly. Mrs. Foster was absent. However, she sent to the meeting a memo offering comments and suggestions pertinent to items on the agenda of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read on motion of Dr. Schlein.

Correspondence read related to the subject of Direct Access and hence is included below under Unfinished Business.

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Unfinished Business

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Discussion on the matter of Direct Access proceeded. Letters received concerning it were read:

- 1. From Dr. Humphrey, Ass't. Comm. for Libraries, in which he agreed to meet soon with Suffolk County Library Trustees.
- 2. From Mr. Perry Duryea, outlining the State's position on Direct Access and urging the Trustees to meet with Dr. Humphrey.

Mr. Carmer read drafts of letters in reply to both men. It is hoped that tentative arrangements for a meeting with Dr. Humphrey in April at the East Islip Library will be agreeable to him.

The Board directed Mr. Carmer to inform the SCLS Board of Trustees that it requests an amendment to the Plan of Service whereby libraries in communities with a population of less than 10,000 will be exempt from providing direct access to all residents of the County. Further, that the Center Moriches Board is unwilling to delegate to the System the right to contract and sell non-resident cards and that it considers 20¢ per circulation, which the System proposes as the reimbursement sum, too small an amount.

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Information gathered on the types of pre-fab structures available to serve as a temporary addition to the Library building was examined. Further information will be sought by Mr. Carmer and Mr. Donnelly.

Preparation of the proposed budget for 1969-70 proceeded.

New Business

Mr. Donnelly informed the Board that the System's former Greenaway plan has been reactivated with certain revisions, under the new title of "Book Bank". The Center Moriches Library has been offered again the category of International Biography at a cost not to exceed \$800 in a year's time. Following discussion, it was moved by Dr. Schlein, seconded by Mrs. Bryner, and approved that the C.M. Library forego participation in the Book Bank for the present owing to the relatively small sum budgeted yearly for general book purchase. Mr. Carmer will so inform Miss Weber at the System office.

Mr. Carmer appointed Mr. Bowditch as a committee of one to work with Mr. Donnelly on the preparation of a brochure describing the services provided by the Library.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dudley R. Bryner*  
Secretary