

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CENTER MORICHES FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1971 AT THE LIBRARY

The meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. by Mr. F. Lewis Bowditch, President. Also present were:

- Mrs. Dorothy Sullivan
  - Mr. Umberto Carlone
  - Mrs. Margaret Waide
  - Mr. Henry Carmer
- and Mr. C. G. Donnelly, Library Director.

On motion of Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Waide, the agenda was approved.

On motion of Mr. Carlone, seconded by Mrs. Waide, the minutes of the August meeting were accepted as ammended.

REPORTS:

Trustee Report

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Financial Report

On motion of Mr. Carlone, seconded by Mrs. Waide, the financial report was accepted.

Library Director's Report

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circulation statistics were reported as follows:

July, 1970	2,700	August, 1970	3,285
July, 1971	<u>1,689</u>	August, 1971	<u>2,137</u>
Minus	1,011	Minus	1,148
Juvenile circulation,	July 421	August	702
Adult Circulation,	July <u>1,268</u>	August	<u>1,435</u>
Minus	847	Minus	<u>733</u>

Mr. Donnelly reported that he felt the decreased circulation is due somewhat to direct access use of other libraries in Suffolk County, and the effects of the 1971-72 austerity budget which eliminated Story Hours and the annual Summer Reading Program. He also felt that the reasons behind the decreased juvenile circulation might be as a result of young people reading more adult books than juvenile. Other causes for the decrease in over-all circulation are being studied.

Mr. Donnelly reported that new shelving has been installed in the magazine room. Necessary repairs are underway. Mr. Hathaway Gilliam has been making necessary shelving repairs as well as doing necessary clean up. On motion of Mr. Carmer, seconded by Mr. Carlone, shelving will be installed in the attic, by Mr. Gilliam, with the cost of material not to exceed \$60 and Mr. Gilliam to be paid approximately \$50.

Mr. Carmer suggested that the trustees make an effort to attend as many Suffolk Cooperative Library System meetings as possible in the future, in view of the many changes proposed within the System.



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Mr. Carmer suggested resuming the weekly Story Hours, even-though the Library is currently on an Austerity Budget. Mr. Donnelly will investigate this possibility and report at a later date.

Discussion followed pertaining to the newly re-organized Friends of the Library.

On motion of Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Waide, the Library Director's Report was accepted.



OLD BUSINESS

The newly amended Charter of the Center Moriches Free Public Library was read by the Board showing the Library Board of Trustee term of office as being full 5-year terms beginning July 1 and expiring June 30.

On motion of Mr. Carmer, seconded by Mr. Carlone, the bills were approved for payment in the amount of \$1,125.37 (see schedule A attached)

On motion of Mr. Carlone, seconded by Mrs. Waide, the Board adopted the 1971-72 Center Moriches School schedule for Blue Cross payments for Mr. Donnelly.

In discussing the propriety of charging local organizations for the use of the mobil room for meetings, Mr. Donnelly reported that it was legal under an austerity budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Several names of Center Moriches residents were suggested as possible Library Trustee, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Henry Carmer who has resigned, were submitted to the Board. Mr. Donnelly will contact these people and report to the Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Donnelly distributed copies of the Center Moriches Free Public Library By-Laws and Statement of Policies of the Board of Trustees of the Center Moriches Free Public Library. The Board was asked to review these, and action on them will be taken at the next meeting.

The Suffolk Cooperative Library System will hold Pre-Budget Hearings, September 21, 22 and 23. Several members of the Board will attend each of these meetings.

Discussion of SCLS services and priorities followed. Action will be taken at a later date on this matter.

The need to expand the Library facilities were discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Carmer, seconded by Mr. Carlone to dispose of the old bills stored in the attic (5 years or older).

The next regular meeting will be held on October 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Library.

On motion of Mr. Carlone, seconded by Mrs. Waide, the meeting was adjourned at 11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alice Davis*

Alice Davis, Clerk

Countersigned:

*Dorothy Sullivan*

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Secretary