

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CENTER MORICHES FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
HELD ON JANUARY 18, 1971 AT THE LIBRARY

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mr. F. Lewis Bowditch, President. Also present were the following Trustees:

Mr. Umberto Carlone
Mr. Henry Carmer
Mrs. Charles Waide

and Mr. C. Gerard Donnelly, Library Director. Mrs. Charles Sullivan was excused.

Mr. Bowditch directed that reorganization of the officers of the Board be the first order of business and accordingly, on motion of Mr. Carmer, Mr. Donnelly was appointed chairman pro-tem. for the purpose of electing the new president.

On motion of Mr. Carmer, seconded by Mr. Carlone, Mr. Bowditch was nominated and elected president.

Mr. Bowditch, assuming the office, continued the election of officers.

On motion of Mr. F. Lewis Bowditch, seconded by Mr. Carlone, Mr. Carmer was nominated and elected vice-president.

On motion of Mr. Carlone, seconded by Mr. Carmer, Mrs. Sullivan was nominated and elected secretary.

It is noted that Mr. Howard Johnson is the treasurer of School District #33 and thus serves in this capacity for the Center Moriches Free Public Library.

A motion was made by Mr. Carmer to accept the agenda for this meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Carlone and approved.

On motion of Mr. Carlone, seconded by Mr. Carmer, the minutes of the last meeting were accepted. Beginning with this meeting, the Board moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes, as copies are mailed to each member for review before the scheduled meeting.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Donnelly prepared the 1970 Annual Report of the Center Moriches Free Public Library (a copy of which is on file at the Library). On motion of Mr. Carmer, seconded by Mr. Carlone, the Board approved and appreciated this report.

Discussion followed regarding future publicity in several local newspapers.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A copy of Mr. Athanasiou's Financial Report, dated December 30, 1970 was given to each Board member for review.

Balances: Checking Account at Security National Bank
December 31, 1970 \$10,675.52

Savings Account at Valley National Bank
December 31, 1971 \$ 465.18

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Donnelly reported he had had an information meeting with Miss Ruth Weber of the Suffolk Co-operative Library System regarding contractual library service with East Moriches.

In regard to Mr. Athanasiou's proposed monthly report, it was decided to obtain a clearer understanding of his fee before the Board could decide on this matter.

Mr. Donnelly reported that the Center Moriches Free Public Library is not required by law to pay Unemployment Insurance, or be involved with it, as we are a School District Library.

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Old Business - Continued

Mr. Carmer reported attending a recent School District #33 Board of Education meeting, and the School Board agreed to pay the insurance coverage on the entire exterior of the Library building. Mr. Donnelly was asked to contact Mr. Reich, of the State Library Legal Department in Albany concerning possible School Board coverage of the contents of the library, as well as definite legal ownership of the new mobile building.

On motion of Mr. Carmer, seconded by Mr. Bowditch, the Board of Trustees of the Center Moriches Public Library agreed that no Library Trustee should hold office consecutively for more than two full terms. A term of office meaning here, five years.

On motion of Mr. Carlone, seconded by Mrs. Waide, the Board decided to petition the Regents of the State of New York to ammend the present existing Center Moriches Public Library Charter, in order to allow newly elected trustees to take office on the first day of July, any year, which is the beginning of the Library's fiscal year. (See Sch. A attached)

Mr. Donnelly reported that he will continue to obtain shelving bids.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Donnelly suggested a Long Range Planning Committee to attend System meetings and handle relations with neighboring communities with regard to possible contractual library service. Mrs. Waide and Mr. Carlone were appointed to participate in this committee.

Mr. Bowditch and Mr. Carmer were appointed to serve as Budget Committee members.

A motion was made by Mr. Carmer to pay the bills in the amount of \$982.15 (See Sch. B attached). This motion was seconded by Mrs. Waide and approved.

The next regular meeting was set for February 15, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. at the library. On motion of Mrs. Waide, seconded by Mr. Carlone, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Alice Davis

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Clerk

Countersigned:

Dorothy Sullivan

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Secretary