

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, February 29, 2000
8:00 p.m.**

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library was held on Tuesday, **February 29, 2000**, at the Main Building, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, NY 11023. (Agenda attached.)

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

Bette Weidman, President
Mischa Schwartz, Vice President
Joyce Klein, Secretary
Don Stern, Treasurer
Elayne Bernstein, Assistant Treasurer
Marietta DiCamillo, Assistant Treasurer

Absent with prior notice: Catherine Moore

Also present: Christine Salita, Library Director
Neil Zitofsky, Business Manager

CALL TO ORDER

President Bette Weidman called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Mischa Schwartz, seconded by Joyce Klein, and after discussion, it was **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library approve the minutes of the Meeting of January 18, 2000, as presented.

VOTE: Yes - 6 (Bernstein, DiCamillo, Klein, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman)
Motion Carried Unanimously

BOARD COMMITTEES

President Weidman announced the following Board Committee appointments:

Finance: Don Stern – Chairperson/Treasurer
Elayne Bernstein – Assistant Treasurer
Marietta DiCamillo – Assistant Treasurer

Branch: Elayne Bernstein – Chairperson
Marietta DiCamillo
Catherine Moore

Personnel: Joyce Klein – Chairperson

Catherine Moore
Bette Weidman

Policy/Bylaws: Mischa Schwartz – Chairperson
Joyce Klein
Bette Weidman

President Weidman then announced the Board members to serve on the Main Library “Ad Hoc” Committee:

Marietta DiCamillo
Joyce Klein
Mischa Schwartz

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Upon motion by Bette Weidman, and seconded by Elayne Bernstein, and after discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library approve the appointment of Valerie Molinaro to the Nominating Committee for a term of one year.

VOTE: Yes - 6 (Bernstein, DiCamillo, Klein, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman)
Motion Carried Unanimously

Upon motion by Bette Weidman, and seconded by Joyce Klein, and after discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library approve the appointment of Marjorie Kurcias to the Nominating Committee for a term of one year.

VOTE: Yes - 6 (Bernstein, DiCamillo, Klein, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman)
Motion Carried Unanimously

POLICY: Independent Candidate Petition Filing

Upon motion by Mischa Schwartz, seconded by Elayne Bernstein, and after discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library, upon the recommendation of the Policy & Bylaws Committee, place the following Bylaws amendments to extend the filing window for independent candidates before the Great Neck Library Association membership for consideration at the January, 2001, Annual Meeting:

- Change the date of the announcement of Nominating Committee selected candidates from October 15 to October 10. [Bylaws: Article VIII. Nominations, H. “On or before October 15 [**change to October 10**], prior to the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall submit...”]
- Change the date for the filing of independent candidate nomination petitions from November 1 to November 5. [Bylaws: Article VIII. Nominations. I. “Such independent nominations must be received by the secretary on or before November 1 [**change to November 5**] prior to the Annual Meeting.”]

Vice President Schwartz, Chairperson of the Policy & Bylaws Committee, explained that a motion to extend the filing window for the submission of independent candidate petitions was made at the October 26, 1999, Board meeting, but tabled pending input from the entire Nominating Committee. The subsequent receipt of a petition to change the Annual Meeting date set in motion a process which delayed further consideration of this motion until after the January Annual Meeting. The Policy & Bylaws

Committee met prior to today's Board meeting and re-affirmed its endorsement of an extended filing window for independent candidate petitions.

Public Comment:

Ralene Adler – will adoption of this motion preclude a change in voting date to a more “weather-friendly” time?

Director Salita replied that the Board may rescind a motion and adopt another one to supersede it.

VOTE: Yes - 6 (Bernstein, DiCamillo, Klein, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman)
Motion Carried Unanimously

PRESENTATION BY ARCHITECT TODD HARVEY

Architect Todd Harvey arrived at 8:20 p.m. President Weidman altered the order of the agenda to have him give his presentation at this point.

Director Salita introduced Mr. Harvey after summarizing the work needed to be performed:

- Preparation of a set of accurate as-built drawing showing current existing conditions;
- Evaluation of the condition of the existing building and all its systems, e.g., heating, air conditioning, plumbing, ventilation, roofing, partitions, lighting, electrical, brickwork, fire protection, etc., in order to identify necessary upgrades and repairs to the infrastructure;
- Researching the zoning and environmental restrictions on the site;
- Reviewing applicable building codes to determine required upgrades (sprinkler system, fire alarms, ADA compliance, etc.);
- Meeting with the Board, the Main Library “Ad Hoc” Committee, and the staff to determine the service needs the building must address, taking into account community input from the already-conducted focus groups and the soon-to-be conducted community survey;
- Developing several conceptual plans showing alternate layouts which would achieve the desired results;
- Defining a primary design and develop a preliminary budget associated with its implementation, as the culmination of this phase of the planning process.

Todd Harvey elaborated on his proposal, stating he has worked with many libraries to meet the needs of the future. It is customary for a firm such as his to be brought into the process at this point so that he might provide specialized, professional information on which educated decisions might be based.

He explained that a building is a “living entity with a lifespan.” The lifespan relates to services and physical structure. For example, an air conditioning system may have been designed to last 20 years, a roof 15 years, and so on. Each system must be examined to determine its lifespan position, its adequacy for current and future demand, and its compliance with current codes and regulations which are significantly different than they were 30 years ago at the time of the Main Library's construction. Before “concrete” plans can be made, it is critical to have a thorough understanding of the status quo. With this information, and input from the Board, the “Ad Hoc” Committee, the staff and community, alternate plans can be developed so that it will be possible to assess different possibilities with the goal of selecting one to be placed before the public.

Assistant Treasurer Bernstein inquired as to the time frame involved. Todd Harvey projects two to three months for the infrastructure analysis phase.

Treasurer Stern asked about the alternate plans to be developed. Mr. Harvey replied that there will likely be two or three basic alternatives, but among these there might also be several sub-alternatives.

Alternatives can be based on functional layout, cost restrictions, or other factors. Each would be presented to show its benefits/shortcomings in comparison with the others.

President Weidman stressed the importance of factoring in community opinion. Mr. Harvey said that thorough planning and evaluation of the Library's needs must consider a wide range of input.

Public Comment:

Shirley Samansky – considers that the engagement of an architect is premature; as a member of the “Ad Hoc” Committee she is “offended” by this action; the Committee hasn’t issued recommendations yet; the scope of the architect’s charge can be narrowed; there is no need for the architect to meet with the staff; staff spoke to Committee; feels ignored.

President Weidman said the planning process is inclusive and many talents are utilized.

Todd Harvey added that it is usual for the architect to work cooperatively and concurrently with a committee during the planning process. His initial work is to lay the physical groundwork (feasibility study) so that a master plan may be developed.

Vice President Schwartz, a member of the “Ad Hoc” Committee, disagreed with Ms. Samansky’s comments. He felt that the time has come for professional assistance so that the project may move forward in an informed, productive manner.

Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo, a member of the “Ad Hoc” Committee, disputed the “pressing need” to move on this issue at this time. The Committee has been engaged in fact-finding. It should deliberate. In addition, she believes the Board has a “fiduciary obligation” to place this service out to competitive bid, with reference to the Policy Manual.

Vice President Schwartz read Policy Section D.10.: “In most instances, it is the policy of the Library to seek competitive bids on expenditures in excess of \$2,500. Exceptions to this may be for items that are already covered by government contract, emergency situations, personal services, or where solicitation of such bids is not in the best interest of the Library.” He felt Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo was misapplying this section.

Director Salita mentioned that, in 1997, the Board conducted an extensive search for an architectural firm, soliciting many competitive proposals. At that time, Todd Harvey was selected for the Parkville project. He was also utilized for the Lakeville and Main Library Children’s Room renovations, since the process had been so thorough. Having heard nothing but praise for his work, the Director was under the assumption that the Board would wish to continue the association.

Public Comment:

Ralene Adler – expressed concern about the “environmental limitations” of the site of the Main Library; wanted to know if the Board would seek a variance to circumvent environmental regulations.

Barbara Zeller – having a professional involved in the Main Library planning process at this time is a prudent course of action; no one wishes to harm the environment.

Karen Rubin – any plan would be subject to an environmental review process.

JoAnn Farley – queried regarding the project being put up for a referendum.

Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo – would like the Board to express its “ideals” regarding the Main Library before the process proceeds.

Shirley Samansky – she is a resident of Saddle Rock and her husband is the Mayor of Saddle Rock, which is a “beautiful residential, environmentally sensitive area.” Board must take this into account.

Secretary Klein – the Main Library planning process has been an open one; puzzled as to why the issue of the environment keeps re-surfacing when the Board has repeatedly stated its environmental sensitivity; the Library is seeking information from many sources as it plans.

Murray Wallach - how much money has been set aside for construction.

Todd Harvey concluded his presentation by saying he has enjoyed working with the Great Neck Library during the past several years and hopes to be allowed to be of assistance with the Main Library project.

After thanking Todd Harvey for his presentation, President Weidman announced the return to the discussion of Policy and Bylaws.

POLICY AND BYLAWS (continued)

Vice President Schwartz summarized the items considered by the Policy & Bylaws Committee at its last meeting: 1) expansion of the filing window for independent candidate petitions, 2) revision of the proxy ballot request form to require a signature and declaration, 3) transferring the signature requirement from the proxy ballot to the proxy ballot envelope, 4) examination of the election process, and, 5) correction of the typographical and stylistic errors in the Policy Manual.

CORRESPONDENCE

Valerie Molinaro spoke to her letter requesting reappointment to the Nominating Committee, thanked the Board for giving her the “honor and privilege” of service.

Ralene Adler spoke to her letter regarding “election reform,” calling for the end of the proxy ballot and institution of the absentee ballot.

Murray Wallach spoke to his letter regarding removal of the signature from the proxy ballot, NYS election procedures, voting date.

Marjorie Kurcias was not present to speak to her letter.

TREASURER’S REPORT

During the month of January, 2000, revenue received was \$884,518.52. Total expenses were \$439,363.75.

At the close of business, January 31, 2000, total unadjusted operating fund holdings were \$1,615,302.41 which were on deposit at HSBC and The Bank of New York, and in Petty Cash funds at Main and the Branches.

Additionally, the unadjusted balance of the Main Building and Special Services fund was \$1,066,739.79; the Automated Library fund was \$119,974.67; the Restricted Gift fund was \$17,416.86;

the Branch and Special Services fund was \$197,139.48. These funds totaled \$1,401,270.80 on January 31, 2000.

Upon motion by Don Stern, seconded by Mischa Schwartz, and after discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library, accept the February 29, 2000, Treasurer's Report with the Personnel Changes of January 19, 2000, through February 29, 2000.

Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo noted several category modifications in this month's Financial Statement compared with previous ones; requested that the cost of utilities for the Branches be reported separately.

VOTE: Yes - 6 (Bernstein, DiCamillo, Glaser, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman)
Motion Carried Unanimously

Upon motion by Don Stern, seconded by Joyce Klein, and after discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library authorize the Treasurer to pay the persons named in the Check Register dated January 14, 2000, through February 17, 2000, Paid-Checks numbered 1030 and 1031 and 18897 through 19002, and To-Be-Paid Checks numbered 19003 through 19125, the sums set against their respective names, amounting in the aggregate to \$250,051.40.

Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo noted a typographical error in a check number and questioned a number of payments (checks numbered 18907, 18993, 19024, 19039, 19102).

Upon motion by Marietta DiCamillo, and seconded by Don Stern, and after discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library go into executive session for reasons of personnel.

VOTE: Yes - 6 (Bernstein, DiCamillo, Klein, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman)
Motion Carried Unanimously

The Board recessed into executive session at 9:15 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 9:27 p.m.

Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo queried regarding any additions to the Automated Library fund in 1999 and the year end balance of Special Services fund.

VOTE: Yes - 6 (Bernstein, DiCamillo, Klein, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman)
Motion Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Attached hereto)

Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo questioned network usage at the Branches.

Director Salita summarized the activity patterns of the Main and Branches as contained in the Indicators of Usage statistics.

Assistant Treasurer Bernstein asked about the book/film discussion series conducted at the Atria.

Bob Sobel asked if any changes were contemplated based on usage patterns.

Treasurer Stern mentioned that parking might be a problem at the Senior Center depending upon the time a Library program is scheduled there.

JoAnn Farley asked people to remember that Lakeville was in a trailer during the 1999 renovation and this should be considered when looking at the Annual Report. She also asked about availability of the focus group report.

OLD BUSINESS

Engagement of Architect: Main Library Feasibility Study

Upon motion by Mischa Schwartz, seconded by Elayne Bernstein, and after discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library retain the services of Architect Todd Harvey of the firm Beatty, Harvey and Associates for the purpose of preparing a feasibility study/master plan for the Main Library as outlined in Phase One of his proposal dated February 21, 2000, for a set fee of \$25,000 plus billable reimbursable expenses such as printing, borings, environmental studies, engineering studies, renderings, etc. at a cost not to exceed \$35,000. Funds to come from the Main Library and Special Services fund. The President or Vice President is hereby authorized to execute an agreement for such services, after said agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel.

Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo again called for a competitive bid, citing the "fiduciary obligation" of the Board. Vice President Schwartz repeated that policy does not mandate this for "personal services." He

cited the precedent of the Lakeville and Children's Room renovation, among others. Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo stated that the Board "should have bid those jobs out and should not make the same error again."

Public Comment:

Leonard Samansky, Mayor of the Village of Saddle Rock, re: the village being opposed to another story being added to the Library or extending the building's footprint; cautioned the Board to consider "spending my tax dollars and my residents' tax dollars very, very carefully" given the just announced reassessment of all Nassau County properties; exhorted against building "monstrosities" in Saddle Rock.

Julian Kane made reference to the private homes under construction in the immediate area which might be termed "monstrosities" because of their height and overall size in relation to the property on which they are situated.

Murray Wallach re: the difference between private and public construction.

Ralene Adler asked if the architect's feasibility study proposal under consideration might be read aloud.

Director Salita read from the architect's proposal of February 21, 2000, as follows:

"In this phase we will work with you to identify the Library's program requirements, to evaluate the condition of the existing building, to determine the code restrictions, and to develop alternate conceptual plans for meeting your space needs. Specifically our services will include:

- Working with the drawings previously provided to us of the building we will take field measurements and prepare a set of accurate as-built drawings showing the existing conditions. We will examine the interior and the exterior of the building (structure, partitions, brickwork, windows, wood trim, roofing, etc.) to determine the condition of the building and what repairs and upgrades will be required. Our engineers will look at the existing systems in the building (electrical, plumbing, air conditioning & heating, fire protection), and identify their condition and capabilities and make recommendations as to upgrades and changes.
- We will research the local zoning codes to identify what restrictions will apply to the expansion and renovation of the building including setbacks, lot coverage and parking. We will review the building code to determine what upgrades will be required (sprinkler systems, fire alarms, ADA, etc.) if you decide to expand and/or renovate.
- We will meet with the Design Committee [*sic*: the “Ad Hoc” Committee], the Trustees and the library staff to review your concerns and needs and prepare a program that identifies your space requirements, current and future.
- We will develop several conceptual plans that show alternate layouts that address the needs identified in the program. These alternates could include renovating the existing building without adding any additional space as well as alternatives for expanding the existing building.
- We will define a final design (master plan) and develop a preliminary budget estimate.
- We will meet with you and the Trustees throughout this process to share our progress and solicit feedback.

Our fee for this phase will be \$25,000. In addition we would bill for reimbursable expenses such as printing, delivery, borings, surveys, traffic studies, environment studies, engineering studies, renderings, etc.”

Director Salita noted that the list of potential reimbursable expenses does not imply that all will be performed.

Public Comment:

Murray Wallach re: word “expansion” being used in the proposal is of concern.

Julian Kane re: before formulating any reasonable plan you must know “the state of the physical plant in the year 2000” and present regulations and requirements; bringing in a professional is prudent at this time.

Treasurer Stern re: retaining the services of a professional architect is what is under consideration.

Assistant Treasurer Bernstein re: the exhaustive search process for an architect in 1996 and 1997 which culminated in the selection of Todd Harvey.

Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo re: that search having no relevance; reiterating the “fiduciary obligation” to bid.

Vice President Schwartz re: this being about “personal services” such as an architect, an auditor, an attorney.

Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo re: her desire to bid legal services, which appears later on the agenda, as well, for reasons of “fiduciary responsibility.”

Karen Rubin re: there being no obligation to select the low bidder in matters of “personal service”, such as retaining a consultant.

Ralene Adler re: her having been on the committee that selected Todd Harvey, having no objection to him personally; suggests that his contract under consideration be limited with understanding that his design may not be the one chosen for implementation; another process could be initiated after his feasibility study is completed.

Vice President Schwartz re: Policy Manual giving the Board flexibility.

Ralene Adler re: cost of Todd Harvey’s contract (services and potential billables).

Murray Wallach re: bypassing the architect and retaining engineers directly.

Vice President Schwartz re: in his professional experience an architect is retained to coordinate such a project and to engage additional personnel if deemed necessary.

Assistant Treasurer Bernstein re: possibility of talking to other architects for final design selected for implementation.

Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo re: wanting firm commitment that the next phase (final design) will go out to bid.

Director Salita re: clarification of terminology in relation to “personal services”; “go out to bid” has an association with selection of the lowest bidder; more appropriate to “review proposals” to select a professional to provide “personal services.”

VOTE: Yes - 5 (Bernstein, Klein, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman)

No 1 - DiCamillo

Motion Carried

Innovative Interfaces Users Group Conference

Upon motion by Elayne Bernstein, seconded by Mischa Schwartz, and after discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library authorize the attendance of three members of the professional staff at the Innovative Interfaces Users Group Conference to be held in Philadelphia from April 29 to May 2 at a cost per attendee not to exceed \$950, charged to the Travel and Conference budget line.

VOTE: Yes - 6 (Bernstein, DiCamillo, Klein, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman)

Motion Carried Unanimously

American Library Conference

Upon motion by Mischa Schwartz, seconded by Marietta DiCamillo, and after discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library authorize the attendance of two members of the professional staff at the American Library Conference to be held in Chicago July 8 – 11 at

a total cost per attendee not to exceed \$1795. The total charges to be charged to the Travel and Conference budget line.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Bernstein, DiCamillo, Klein, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman)
Motion Carried Unanimously

Excessed Equipment

Upon motion by Mischa Schwartz, seconded by Elayne Bernstein, and after discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library declare the items listed on the appended schedule excessed and authorize the director to dispose of same in an appropriate manner.

VOTE: Yes - 6 (Bernstein, DiCamillo, Klein, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman)
Motion Carried Unanimously

Legal Services Contract Renewal

Upon motion by Joyce Klein, seconded by Mischa Schwartz, and after discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library extend the legal Services Retainer Agreement with Behrens, Loew, and Cullen for the period April 1, 2000, through March 31, 2001, at an annual fee of \$3,000 from the Legal Fees budget line, and that the President or Vice President be authorized to execute said agreement. Billable hours beyond the scope of the Retainer Agreement shall be paid at the rate of \$140 per hour.

Public Comment:

Wallach: \$3,000 for a retainer? The Park District pays \$35,000 a year.

Treasurer Stern queried total legal expenditures for each of the past three years.

Director Salita, noting that legal costs have been declining (1997 = \$35,787, 1998 = \$28,157, 1999 = \$23,795), highlighted some of the major activities in each year, which were beyond the services covered under the retainer agreement's 25 hours of consultation.

Treasurer Stern asked for more details regarding approximately \$10,000 in charges relating to Policy and Bylaws issues.

Business Manager Zitofsky cited items listed on invoices which included: certification of voting records, proxy procedures, review of correspondence to the Board alleging improper election procedure, review of correspondence and petitions to amend Bylaws, lack of statutory authorization for a school district to conduct an association library's trustee election, review of ballot form appropriate for proposed Bylaws amendment.

President Weidman re: the majority of these charges attributable to "challenges to our Board's operation under the Bylaws."

Ralene Adler re: personally having FOILed all legal bills; cause of these expenditures is that the Board "refuses to adopt standardized voting and election procedures."

Vice President Schwartz re: specific correspondence from Mrs. Adler to Robert Freeman, Executive Director, NYS Committee on Open Government, which resulted in significant legal fees being incurred by the Library as legal counsel had to address this matter.

Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo took exception to this, stating it is not relevant to the discussion of the legal retainer; questioned the absence of a legal invoice for June, 1999; expressed the desire to place the legal retainer agreement out to bid.

Secretary Klein re: concern that so much time is consumed by the Board, the attorney and the Director by issues which are instigated; "There are untruths at times that are very disturbing; they are presented as truths;" library and education law is a specialty and Mr. Cullen's credentials are impeccable.

Vice President Schwartz re: possibility of a monthly retainer agreement.

Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo re: Mr. Cullen having refused in prior years to consider a month-by-month retainer.

President Weidman re: her observation that Mr. Cullen's rates are reasonable; what raises cost is constant challenge to Policy and Bylaws.

Trustee Bernstein re: brief history of voting process.

Ralene Adler re: the public having the right to petition; Board contacts attorney for its own protection, not in public interest.

Vice President Schwartz re: consideration of a multi-year legal retainer.

VOTE: Yes - 5 (Bernstein, Klein, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman).
No - 1 (DiCamillo)

Motion carried

Elevator Safety Upgrade

Upon motion by Elayne Bernstein, seconded by Marietta DiCamillo, and after discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library authorize the upgrade of the Main Library elevator door safety system to the "Pana-Forty" infrared light beam detector system at a cost of \$3,600; work to be performed by Serge Elevators per their proposal dated February 3, 2000; funds to come from the Repairs and Maintenance budget line.

VOTE: Yes - 6 (Bernstein, DiCamillo, Klein, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman).
Motion carried

Computer Equipment

Upon motion by Elayne Bernstein, seconded by Mischa Schwartz, and after discussion, it was, **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library authorize the purchase of five (5) computer workstations from PC Connection at a total cost of \$8,060, per their quotation dated January 16, 2000, to be charged as follows: \$4,836 to the Computer Hardware budget line of the general operating fund, and \$3,224 to the Automated Library Fund.

Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo re: disposition of these five computer workstations.

Director Salita replied: Main – 2, Lakeville – 1, Parkville – 1, Station – 1.

Public Comment:

Marianna Wohlgemuth re: will Parkville's new computer have Internet access?

VOTE: Yes - 6 (Bernstein, DiCamillo, Klein, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman).
Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Treasurer DiCamillo re: asking the Director to summarize the Regents Proposed Rules to Establish an Audit Committee and the response issued by Henry Graber, the Library's auditor; asking if possible to send additional comments.

OPEN TIME

JoAnn Farley re: being "appalled" at the Board's comments about legal costs, referring to the comments as "censorship."

Ralene Adler: re petitions being part of the democratic process, telling Board "not to threaten residents with legal costs because we ask questions," saying attorney should be present at Board meetings so public can pose questions to him.

Julian Kane re: public having right to address the Board and the Board may request legal counsel; not the right of the public to question the attorney directly.

Murray Wallach re: "wonderful conference" he recently had with the Director.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Marietta DiCamillo, seconded by Mischa Schwartz, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Klein
Secretary