

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE GREAT NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

**Tuesday, January 28, 1992**

The annual meeting of the Great Neck Library Association was held on **Tuesday, January 28, 1992**, at the offices of the Library on Bayview Avenue at Grist Mill Lane, Great Neck, N.Y. 11024

The following Trustees were present:

Elayne Bernstein  
Jack Eber  
Jo Ann Farley  
Muriel Kane  
Emanuel Kline  
Arthur Lerner  
Dolly Relkin  
Renee Zarin

Also Present:

Kenneth S. Weil, Library Director  
Joe Latini, Assistant Director  
Arlene Nevens, Assistant Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

Elayne Bernstein, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting for Trustees and members of the Nominating Committee. A quorum in excess of 100 proxies was verified. Voting took place from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS**

At 10:35 p.m. President Elayne Bernstein called the business meeting to order to announce the results of the election. Mr. Knobler protested and questioned the qualifications for voting. At this time Counsel asked that all questions be held until the item of New Business on the Agenda and that the business meeting proceed.

Ms Bernstein announced the following election results for the Board of Trustees:

Dolly Relkin	1,843
David Zielenzier	230

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Elayne Bernstein welcomed all present and stated: Shakespeare captured the very essence of Cleopatra when he wrote "Age cannot wither or custom stale her infinite variety". And so it goes with our Great Neck Library. 103 years old and far from withering - we are more dynamic than ever with services and programs of an infinite variety.

The many adult programs such as Book Discussions, Written Word: Scene & Heard, G.N. Author Series, Night of a Thousand Stars, Art Exhibits, Photography lectures, Films, Music Recitals were enjoyed and attended by large audiences. The many children's programs that are filled with sounds of laughter, Levels programs, biannual book sales all draw a large number of people.

Twenty-two years after our new Library opened, Board and staff recognized how we were growing and how quickly we would run out of space. The Board had a responsibility to address the situation. Information was gathered about our space needs and a questionnaire was mailed to the community to evaluate our services, programs and priorities. It was our hope that there would be public hearings and presentations - but the economy was worsening. At our December 17th Board meeting, the Board's Building Committee recommended to the Board to slow down our expansion plans.

Ms. Bernstein paraphrased Shakespeare's words ---age cannot wither this Library - or its staff or its Board --nor can custom or criticism limit the Library's infinite varieties. By continuing to be open and responsive to the community and its needs and by constantly evaluating what works and what doesn't the Library will continue to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Elayne Bernstein asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 29, 1991. A motion made by Renee Zarin, seconded by Emanuel Kline, was unanimously carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 29, 1991, and for the Secretary to cast one ballot to accept the minutes.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Muriel Kane, Treasurer, reported that our projected revenues and expenditures for 1991 came in very close to each other. The Board will soon be preparing for the 1993 Budget. Motion made by Renee Zarin, seconded by Emanuel Kline and carried unanimously, it was,

**RESOLVED**, that the Treasurer's Report  
for the year ending December 31, 1991 be accepted.

## **LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Attached to the Minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Joe Adler requested that his letter to the Board of Trustees be read. Ms. Bernstein stated that the Annual Meeting was not the proper place and that it be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Knobler questioned the list of qualified voters. If purging was done in 1987, non-card users and members were taken out of the computer. He stated purging is contrary to the By-Laws.

Mr. Boyle took exception to the election results. Not Democratic-- does not comply with State law-- Levels should be examined -- Find out the need first before we have a library expansion. Matter of conscience. Also asked that services of Legal Counsel and Insurance be put out to public bid.

Mr. Knobler questioned the item of Other Expenses \$187,924 listed in the Treasurer's Report.

David Zielenzier questioned the cost of the Centennial Booklet and mailing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion made by Renee Zarin and seconded by Emanuel Kline, and carried unanimously the public meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lerner  
Secretary