

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF
THE GREAT NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Tuesday, January 30, 1990

The annual meeting of the Great Neck Library Association was held on Tuesday, January 30, 1990, 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

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 of 158 was counted. (151 proxies plus nine members of the Association). Voting took place from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Elayne Bernstein called the business meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. and welcomed friends, staff, family and guests from Locust Valley Library attending the Annual meeting. "If the founding foremothers of this library, could see us now, what would Louise Skidmore (Eldridge) and Harriet Onderdonk say? Would they have dreamed -- Could they conceive of -- And wouldn't our foremothers with a sense of wonder and joy -- wouldn't they marvel -- wouldn't they say bravo--And wouldn't they have been pleased--- Yes what poetic justice indeed that this year of our 100th Birthday celebration should have been one of the Library's most exciting and productive years ever!....". The full report is attached.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Secretary Renee Zarin asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 31, 1989.

A motion made by Dolly Relkin and seconded by Arthur Lerner was unanimously carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 31, 1989, and for the Secretary to cast one ballot to accept the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Arthur Lerner, Treasurer, stated that the summary of the Treasurer's report shows that we did well in the first 100 years. The statement of Revenues shows the Library ended the year with \$92,577 more than anticipated. Expenditures budgeted at \$4,510,641 - spent \$4,145,388 - leaving unexpended funds of \$365,253. As a result the total budget surplus as of December 31, 1989 was \$457,830. The allocation of these funds will be determined at a later date. A full detailed Treasurer's report is available in the Library Director's office.

Upon motion made by Renee Zarin, seconded by Jo Ann Farley and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer's
Report for the year ending December 31, 1989
be accepted.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Attached to the minutes.

VOTING RESULTS

Board Members - 4 yr. term

Elayne Bernstein - 165
Jo Ann Farley - 164

Members of the Nominating Committee - 2 yr. term

Leah Foodim 149
Mona Oppenheim 163

Elayne Bernstein and Renee Zarin directed attention to the Annual Report brochure prepared by the Library Director and staff and thanked them for their efforts in preparing the attractive and comprehensive document.

The Centennial Video was shown to all present.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded the public meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Zarin
Secretary

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President's Report - 1990

One year ago we ended our yearlong Centennial Birthday Celebration.

The party's over, but the memory has lingered on and during the past year our calendar has been filled with special events, painstakingly planned by our dedicated staff to fit the needs and desires of all segments of our community.

Our children's programs were filled with sounds of laughter, wonder and appreciation as youngsters participated in Mother Goose, Sing and Tell Time, Story Hours, puppet shows, hands-on experiences and reading clubs.

Listening in on Jr. Levels and Levels, we heard the sounds of guitars, computers, videos, dancing, drama rehearsals, S.A.T. groups and study workshops.

Our adult programs were filled with the sights and sounds of poetry, music, drama, literature, book sales, films and art and photography:

Kent Ozarow brought us well-known and lesser-known poets to read their works - with our own Cynthia Zarin ending the year on a high note.

Shirley Romaine continued to delight audiences with her original Written Word: Scene and Heard programs.

Sandra Rosencrans, Harriet Rieff and Adult Services Librarian Helen Crosson led dynamic book discussions that drew enthusiastic audiences: Sandy Rosencrans skillfully explored the World of Fiction, Helen Crosson conducted lively discussions at the Great Neck Senior Citizens Center and Harriet Rieff delved deeply into Lasting Literary Works; and in response to public requests, added a Great Books Discussion format to the library's literary program schedule. Each provided thoughtful and insightful perspectives on the literary world.

Rita Relson and Gabe Chieco planned exhilarating music recitals, presenting established and new talent, as well as the winners of the Great Neck Symphony Awards to our appreciative audiences.

Biannual book sales run by our diligent staff continued to draw a flurry of buyers eager for our cherished wares.

Films for every taste and disposition were available.

Dolly Relkin, as always, chose and hung our major art exhibits with professional expertise. This year's widely viewed exhibits included our own Bill Gottlieb's

world-famous Jazz photographs, and the first annual Great Neck Camera Club show.

And so the memory lingered on all year in the talk and smiles of those who reminisced.

Our Centennial Celebration came full circle with the publication and distribution to the community of In Celebration: The First 100 Years/The Great Neck Library 1889-1989. Bravo to Managing Editor Renée Zarin, and Editor Karen Weisberg whose work and effort enable us to peruse the book at will and recall the past with such fond memories. Congratulations, as well, to Dolly Relkin who in putting together the photo exhibit of the library's first hundred years provided much of the material for the booklet; and the members of the Library's reference and publicity staffs who assisted in the preparation of the material and manuscript.

In closing, how can I thank the Board, the staff and our Director for making this library and this position on the Board of Trustees such a fruitful and joyful collaboration for me.

Finally...I can't close without a prayer for this world of ours, now at war. With heavy hearts we know we must continue to serve, as best we can, where we can.