

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF THE
GREAT NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

Tuesday, November 24, 1992

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library was held on **Tuesday, November 24, 1992**, at the offices of the Library on Bayview Avenue at Grist Mill Lane, Great Neck, N.Y. 11024

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

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

Also present: Ken Weil, Library Director
Joe Latini, Assistant Director
Steve Limmer, Counsel
Attendance sheet attached

CALL TO ORDER

Elayne Bernstein, President, called the public meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

MINUTES

Ms. Bernstein asked for approval of the minutes of October 27, 1992, copies of which had been distributed to each Trustee prior to the meeting. The following motion made by Arthur Lerner, seconded by Jo Ann Farley, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, that the minutes of
October 27, 1992 be adopted as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Joan Gould to E. Bernstein 10/23/92 - Complimenting our newly renovated Station Branch.
- b. Ken Weil to Joan Gould 11/20/92 - Response to some of her suggestions.
- c. Irving Barr to Board of Trustees - Thank you note for the Reap II programs held at the library.

TREASURER'S REPORT

After review a motion made by Arthur Lerner, seconded by Emanuel Kline, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees acknowledge receipt of the October 31, 1992 Financial Statement plus adopt the payroll changes for the same period.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT - In addition to his written report Ken Weil reported on the following:

1. The Station Branch Committee was asked to give input on the program for the "Open House" which is tentatively planned for Saturday, December 19th. 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
2. On Sunday, December 13th following the Music Recital a celebration honoring Gabe Chieco and Rita Relson will be held in recognition of over 20 years of service on the Music Advisory Committee. Board members are cordially welcome to participate in this celebration.
3. The Library has applied for a N.Y. State Grant and to LILCO to upgrade our lighting at the main library. Our cost for the project was approximately \$26,393. A rebate of all the amount except for about \$3,000 is forthcoming. This small outlay should be made up in savings quickly.
4. The artist Hilda Steckle has just completed the plaster model for the Mother Goose sculpture in memory of Marlene Levins. It should be finished in May at which time we will plan the dedication.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Personnel Committee Report - Elayne Bernstein stated that several meetings have been held with the Salary Committee and all is going well. There is no final resolution as of this date.

b. NYLA Convention Report - Dolly Relkin reported on the many interesting meetings she attended and that the highlight of the convention was the keynote speaker, Dr. Wayne Wiegand, who spoke on "Librarianship and the Life of Melville Dewey". Other items of interest were the Morristown Decision, Video Censorship and Creative Outreach Programs. Another point of interest was on the way home when she stopped at the Saratoga Springs Library to see plans for a new public library.

Joe Latini focused on management meetings - "Coping and Doing More With Less," "You're in Charge Now," "Team Management" and "Becoming Video Literate." He also agreed that the highlight of the program was the keynote speaker.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Arts Center - Dolly Relkin reported that a new not-for-profit organization, "The Great Neck Center for the Visual & Performing Arts", has been established in Great Neck. Their purpose is to offer the G.N. community a wide range of multi-disciplinary visual & performing arts programs, as well as educational workshops and classes. The chairperson of the Board of Directors, Regina Gil, in her letters of Nov. 5th & 11th, 1992 to Relkin, requested that the Library join in the community-wide support and endorsement for this new venture by regularly appointing a representative to their Board of Directors, and if possible, awarding an as of yet undetermined monetary "honorarium" to the Arts Center. After much discussion, the Board requested additional information, and tabled the matter until the next Board Meeting.

b. Meet the Candidate Night - Jo Ann Farley made a motion that the following be added to the Board Policy Manual - Section O #3B, seconded by Emanuel Kline, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, that all candidates in a contested election will be given the opportunity to participate in a formal debate or forum with an independent moderator. In a non-contested election the meeting may be informal.

Jo Ann Farley was asked to be the liaison person with the League of Women Voters. It was asked that the moderator be a non-resident.

A voter's service table will be at each library with public information submitted by the candidates and prepared by the library. The petitions of the independent candidates have been accepted and they will be so notified. On or before December 15th library members will be informed in writing of all nominations. Proxies will be available through the Library Director's office from December 21st - January 22nd - 9 a.m. -4:30 p.m.

c. Community Room Application - Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the following application for use of the meeting rooms:

Chabad of Great Neck Inc.

d. Other - Al Udow requested that the Board establish a policy to invite public discussion when a resolution is on the table prior to voting. Ms. Bernstein will refer the matter to the Board's policy committee.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Arthur Lerner, seconded by Emanuel Kline that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The public meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Eber
Secretary