

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
GRET NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, December 18, 1990

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library was held on **Tuesday, December 18, 1990**, 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:

Kenneth S. Weil, Library Director
Joe Latini, Assistant to the Director
Arlene Nevens, Assistant to the Director
Muriel Turk, Assistant to the Director

CALL TO ORDER

The President, Elayne Bernstein, called the public meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

MINUTES

Ms. Bernstein asked for approval of the minutes of November 27, 1990, copies of which had been distributed to each Trustee prior to the meeting. The following motion made by Muriel Kane, seconded by Jo Ann Farley, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, that the minutes of
November 27, 1990 be accepted as corrected.

PUBLIC HEARING -No members of the public attending.

COMMUNICATIONS

a. E. Giffords to E. Bernstein - Correspondence from the League of Women Voters requesting the Library to pay the full cost of mailing the "Voter's Guide". Motion made by Arthur Lerner, seconded by Muriel Kane, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, that in response to the League of Women Voters the Library's contribution for mailing the "Voter's Guide" be increased, but not to exceed \$700 for the year 1991.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

RESOLVED, that the November 30, 1990 Treasurer's Report be tabled until the next Board meeting.

Motion made by Dolly Relkin, seconded by Muriel Kane, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the payroll changes for November 1990 plus the 1991 Salaries. (list attached)

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Mr. Weil reported on the following:

1. The latest statistics show a 5% increase over 1989 in circulation. He expects to end the year with a slight increase over last year.

2. A safe has been purchased and installed in the Bookkeeper's office. At present 3 people have the combination. It was the general consensus of the Board that the President & Treasurer should also know the combination or where it can be obtained when needed.

3. A copy of Ed Hannes letter to the Great Neck Record in reference to the Library purchasing laser discs and his complaint regarding video fines. Will be responded to by the Library Director.

4. Reminded the Board about some important dates:

- Jan 6th - Book Sale
- Jan 12 - Staff Party -USMMA Academy
- Jan 19 - Black Art Exhibit Reception
- Jan 22 - Board Meeting
- Jan 29 - Annual Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

a. Historical Book "In Celebration: The First 100 Years" -Copies of the completed book were distributed to all Board members. Renee Zarin reported that it will be mailed to the regular library list (approx.13,100) during the first week in January. Additional copies will be sent to appropriate recipients following the first mailing.

She offered her personal thanks to Muriel Turk for her assistance in coordinating the project which consisted of many meetings, visits to the printers, telephone calls, changes, decisions, etc. A job wonderfully done!

On behalf of the Board, Elayne Bernstein presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED,that the Library's Centennial Booklet become part of the Library's permanent archives and that the Library Board expresses its profound appreciation to Renee Zarin in producing the historical booklet in what was truly a labor of love.

Elayne Bernstein also stated that 1990, the year of our celebration, there were many exciting events which Board members shared in every function during the year. She thanked all, but particularly Dolly Relkin, for her work on the exhibit and for putting all the history together for our first 100 years.

b. Personnel Matters - Upon motion duly made and seconded the Board went into executive session at 8:35 p.m.. The public reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

c. Architect Selection - The Board reviewed their comments on the architect interviews and site visits. It was unanimous that the following architects would be interviewed again:

Davis Brody Associates
Hardy, Holzman, Pfeiffer Associates
Spector Group

Considerable discussion was focused on the pros and cons of interviewing Bentel & Bentel and Gibbons, Heidtmann & Salvador a second time. Elayne Bernstein will meet with Ken Weil to make a determination.

d. New York State Governor's Conference on Libraries - Muriel Kane reported that the N.Y. S. Governor's Conference was held in Albany on November 28, 29 and 30th. Ken Weil and Muriel had both been elected to serve as delegates at the regional meetings in August --Ken in the library professional category and Muriel as a library supporter.

The function of the Conference was to permit library people from all over the state to participate in deciding what directions they wanted N.Y. State to take in terms of future library services, and what they wanted to recommend to Washington concerning library services in all of the United States in the next decade. The delegates reviewed, debated, and voted on several hundred resolutions, and listened to Governor Cuomo, State Education Commissioner, Tom Sobol, and the President-elect of the American Library Association speak about their vision of the future of libraries.

Thirty-six delegates were elected to participate in the White House Conference on Libraries in 1991.

e. Other - Ken Weil reported on the accountants' fees. Last year Schultz, Gladstone & Madonna's fee was \$16,000. Since the library is now doing more of this work in-house their fee for 1991 is \$12,600. Mr. Weil is going to get another quote and also ask Schultz, Gladstone & Madonna to come down in their quote. Will have more information for the next Board meeting. Richard Gaba, Labor Relations Negotiator will be asked to clarify his fee.

f. Surplus Equipment - Muriel Kane moved, seconded by Jo Ann Farley, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board declare surplus the equipment listed on Ken Weil's memo dated December 18, 1990 (attached)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Arthur Lerner and seconded by Emanuel Kline the public meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Zarin
Secretary