

GREAT NECK LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
GREAT NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

**Tuesday, March 24, 1992**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library was held on **Tuesday, March 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 An Farley  
Emanuel Kline  
Arthur Lerner  
Muriel Kane  
Dolly Relkin

Absent with Prior Notification: Renee Zarin

Also present: Ken Weil, Library Director  
Joe Latini, Assistant Director  
Arlene Nevens, Assistant Director  
Steve Limmer, Counsel

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Elayne Bernstein called the public meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Ms. Bernstein asked for approval of the minutes of February 25, 1992 and March 10, 1992, copies of which has been distributed to each Trustee prior to the meeting. The following motion made by Arthur Lerner, seconded by Emanuel Kline, and carried unanimously, it was,

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of  
February 25, 1992 meeting be adopted as amended.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the minutes of March 10, 1992 be accepted as presented.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Steve Donnelly of the Lakeville Estates Civic Association stated that the selling of books and magazines at the Parkville branch has been well received and thinks it's a great idea. The additional hours of service and the added story hour are greatly appreciated.

Mariette D.Camillo asked if the copy machine which interferes with the children's story hour could be moved to another spot. She is pleased with the new computer but finds the screen is too small for senior citizens. Ken Weil explained that it is fairly new. He suggested they wait a bit longer to see the public response before doing anything further. The screen is the standard size for the Macintosh; however, we will seek alternatives if it becomes a problem over a period of time.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. W. Knobler - E. Bernstein 2/26/92 - Duly noted.
- b. K. Weil - W. Knobler 3/2/92 - Set up meeting date.
- c. R. Weiss - E. Bernstein 2/23/92 - In reference to the Library's video collection.
- d. K. Weil - R. Weiss 3/5/92 - Explaining the purchase and the release date of the videos in question.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

After review, motion made by Arthur Lerner, seconded by Jack Eber, and carried unanimously, it was,

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees acknowledge receipt of the February 28, 1992 Financial Statement and adopt the Payroll Changes for the same period.

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

1. The new canvas bags have been circulating and have been well received by our patrons. We have had many requests to sell them. A proposal to give the bags out to patrons who make a donation to the Library will be considered at a future meeting.

2. Circulation statistics are up at Main, Station and Parkville. Lakeville's circulation, however, is down 21%. We will be working with the staff at Lakeville to see how we can improve the collections and services to meet the needs of the community.

3. Arlene Nevens has been teaching an adult education course on "Using Library Resources" which has received favorable comments.

4. "Night of A Thousand Stars" - April 8th at 7:30 p.m. Last year's event was geared primarily to adults. This year's program is directed toward families and children.

5. a. The driveway approach to the garage was unsafe and sections needed to be replaced. This work was done.

b. The outdoor sculpture "The Wise Bird" has been relocated as requested by the donor.

6. March 10th was Legislative Day in Albany. Seven members of our staff travelled to Albany to meet with legislators to urge them to support libraries.

7. a. A gift consisting of a copper fountain and planter was donated in memory of Mrs. Arlene Steiner.

b. The Marlene Levins Memorial Fund now totals \$7,938. We are waiting for the artist's return from vacation before proceeding with the project.

## OLD BUSINESS

a. 1993 Budget - Mr. Weil reported on some of the revisions made from the March 10th draft. In the Receipts category:

Commissions was increased by \$2,000

Interest reduced by \$1,000

Books/Records Sold increased by \$500.

In the Expenditure category:

Electric was increased \$7,380

Lakeville Rental -decreased \$6,000.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees present the Proposed 1993 Budget to the public at the April 7, 1992 Public Budget Hearing.

## NEW BUSINESS

a. Board Policy Committee - Dolly Relkin reported that the Committee met on March 17th and reviewed all the policies. At the next Board meeting there will be a review and adoption of any changes.

b. By-Laws Committee - Elayne Bernstein reported that the Committee has met several times and have explored mechanisms to get public input. They will present plans and timetable for this at the next Board meeting.

c. Lakeville Lease - At 8:55 p.m. Arthur Lerner moved, seconded by Emanuel Kline that the Board go into executive session to discuss legal matters.

The public meeting reconvened at 9:20 p.m. Motion made by Arthur Lerner, seconded by Emanuel Kline, and carried unanimously, it was,

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees authorize the President of the Board to sign the proposed Lakeville lease pending approval of the lease by our attorney.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Eber  
Secretary