

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
GREAT NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
**Tuesday, September 25, 1990**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library was held on **Tuesday, September 25, 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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The President, Elayne Bernstein, called the public meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

Ms. Bernstein asked for approval of the minutes of June 19, 1990 copies of which had 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  
June 19, 1990 be accepted as amended.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Joseph Pitti, a resident, expressed his distress about the Library's insensitivity regarding the showing of the movie "The Last Temptation of Christ". It was explained to Mr. Pitti that the Library follows the policies and principles adopted by the American Library Association in the Library Bill of Rights as pertains to selection of materials. The Board President acknowledged the patron's concern in this matter and responded in a conciliatory manner.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. A. Gongoleski to K. Weil - Correspondence from N.Y. State Department of Civil Service concerning health insurance coverage for the Board of Trustees. As per section 73.1 of Part 73 of the President's Regulations, Trustees of an Association Library are not eligible.

B. B. Mezick to E. Bernstein - Expressing her appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to attend the ALA Conference in Chicago.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

After review and discussion Emanuel Kline moved, seconded by Renee Zarin, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board acknowledge receipt of the June, July and August 1990 Financial Statement plus the payroll changes for the same period.

Motion made by Jack Eber, seconded by Emanuel Kline, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board acknowledge receipt of the year ended December 31, 1989 Audit, dated Feb.13, 1990, received Sept.25, 1990.

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to his written report, Mr. Weil reported on the following:

1. Drawings, specifications, list of contractors and permit for Parkville's ramp were received. We can now go out to bid.
2. There are problems with Weber Construction in completing the work at Levels. In order to protect the Library's interests, this matter has been referred to Steven Limmer.
3. Movie - "The Last Temptation of Christ" - The Library received a number of phone calls and three letters requesting the cancellation of the film showing. Two residents, Joseph Grasso and John Hyland sent copies of their letters to the Great Neck News. Mr. Weil will send copies of his response to the Great Neck News. (attached ) Dolly Relkin commended Mr. Weil for his handling of the situation.
4. There has been an overwhelming response to the offering of computer instruction for adults. As soon as practical, additional courses will be offered.
5. Ken Weil and approximately four staff members plan to attend the New York Library Association Conference in Rochester Oct.10-14th.
6. Ken Weil commented on how pleased he is with the positive evolution of the Levels program over the past years. There are several contributing factors that have helped in revitalizing Levels. One factor is the newly renovated facility. Mr. Weil thanked the Board for their support of the renovation work. Mr. Weil then cited the dedication and commitment of Joe Latini and his staff to the program. They have worked hard to make it happen. A vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to Joe Latini and Levels staff.
7. The Palmer Library School at C.W. Post College lost its ALA accreditation in June. Ken Weil was asked to serve on the Advisory Committee to rebuild the program from scratch in order to regain accreditation.

8. Staff News - The Library was hard hit this month with several illnesses. Four staff members were hospitalized.

9. Distributed copies of the newly revised "Great Neck Schools Connection" put out by the Library's Public Relations Office.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Main Library Expansion - Using standardized formulas, Mr. Weil and Mr. Latini have come up with an initial estimate that the current building program statement would require 81,226 sq. ft. - our existing footage is approximately 45,000 sq. ft. According to our original timetable we were to interview architects in September. It was the general consensus of the Board to set meeting dates for interviews with the 10 architects. A list of suggested interview questions for the architects was distributed. Mr. Weil is to proceed with scheduling the interviews.

B. Insurance - Tabled until the next Board meeting.

C. Historical Booklet Report - Renee Zarin reported that the publication should go to the printer before the November meeting. Approximately \$17,000 is needed to complete the project.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

B. Authorization for Personnel Committee to Negotiate - Upon motion made by Jo Ann Farley, seconded by Muriel Kane, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Salary Committee  
be authorized by the Board to proceed with  
negotiations with the Staff Association.

C. James Madison Council Report - Tabled until the next meeting.

D. Governor's Library Pre-Conference Report - Tabled until next meeting.

E. Fee for Out-of-District Library Cards. - Emanuel Kline moved, seconded by Muriel Kane, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board adopt a policy that over the next 3 years the cost of an out-of-district card will be increased to the amount that a taxpayer whose property is assessed at \$10,000 would pay in library taxes, as recommended by K. Weil's memo dated 9/25/90

F. Local Swing Money - Motion made by Muriel Kane, seconded by Jack Eber, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees vote for the proposal to have the Local Library Incentive Aid "Swing Money" of \$135,496.40 retained by the Nassau Library System (as outlined in the memo dated June 14, 1990). Memo attached to minutes.

G. Report of Nominating Committee - Sidney Wenokor, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported that at its meeting held June 4, 1990 the Committee made the following selections:

For Trustee - 4 year term  
Renee Zarin  
Jack Eber

For Nominating Committee - 2 year term  
Dr. William Grauer  
Sandra O'Connor  
Sidney Wenokor

Upon motion made by Emanuel Kline, seconded by Arthur Lerner, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the Nominating Committee's slate to be voted upon at the next Annual Meeting of the Great Neck Library Association and that on or before December 1st, the Secretary shall notify members in writing of the aforesaid nominations.

H. Community Room Application - The Board approved the following application for use of the Meeting Room:

Harbor Hills Civic Association

The Board moved to go into executive session to discuss Personnel Matters.

The Board reconvened the public meeting at 10:55 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made and seconded the public meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Renee Zarin  
Secretary