

NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Meeting of May 16, 1996

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday May 16, 1996 in the Community Meeting Room.

C. Annette Carr called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Also attending were Michael Glennon, Ruth McKay, Elizabeth McGrail, Director Stephanie Heineman and Assistant Director Eileen Minogue.

Stuart Goldblatt was absent with prior notice.

Douglas McNally, library counsel, also attended the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Glennon moved to approve the minutes of April 29, 1996 as amended, seconded by Mrs. McKay and unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY & TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. McKay moved to approve warrant for \$86,181.88, page 2430, seconded by Mrs. McGrail and unanimously carried.

Mrs. McGrail moved to approve warrant for \$1,174.86, page 2431, seconded by Mr. Glennon and unanimously carried.

Mr. Glennon moved to approve warrant for \$107,856.22, page 2432, seconded by Mrs. McKay and unanimously carried.

The Board accepted the payroll for the period ending:
April 29, 1996 page 1513 \$85,523.32

Mr. McNally informed the Board that the contract signed with Brodart Co. for the Handsaver is a seventeen year obligation.

COMMUNICATIONS were received from:

Alice Wolfteich, Director Franklin Square Public Library, thanking Michael Glennon, Trustee, and Stephanie Heineman, Director, for counsel and advice concerning the building improvement program.

Peter and Barbara Willmann thanking the library and Mrs. Webb "for the wonderful job you and your staff did on the 'Write Now' Creative Writing Contest."

Nicholas Difatte thanking the library for the program on May 14 by Maurine Failey of the past history of Larkfield/East Northport.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director reported to the Board that:

Mr. Glennon's article that was sent to Public Libraries Magazine will be published.

Mrs. McKay's letter thanking the community for her election and for the passing of the budget was published in both The Observer and The Record.

The Director, Assistant Director and Trustee Michael Glennon traveled to New York City where they met Todd Harvey and George Beatty at Beatty, Harvey Associates. They then walked around the corner (Madison & 34th St.) to visit SIBL (Science, Industry and Business Library) - a newly completed 160,000 sq. ft. library for the 21st Century. The furniture and architectural style have a look related to the library's business mission. The chairs in particular were magnificent. There are small classrooms where patrons can learn how to use computers. 500 Plug-ins and no wires to be seen.

"At the New York Public Library at Fifth Avenue & 42nd St. leaders from 50 of the world's main libraries in 26 countries gathered on April 26 & 27 to discuss the shape that libraries would take in the coming century."

The new San Francisco Main Library opened its' doors on April 18, 1996 and is a monument to the philosophy that communities today "view the public library as a major player in the technology revolution." There are 400 computer terminals in the new library.

Our bibliography "Searching For a Job Start at Your Library" will be part of what will be handed out at the Town Of Huntington's Second Annual HELP Conference on May 20, 1996 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Town Hall. 400-500 people are expected to attend. SCLS will present an Internet demonstration.

3-M is helping the library develop a circulation management system for the new libraries.

Suffolk Net has 14,000 users in the County. We now have an Internet computer for use in the library.

Two additional flyers, The Application and An Introduction, have been added to the series "A Quick Start Guide to the NETWALK Northport-East Northport Threshold to World and Local Knowledge."

Twelve one-half slots of individual instruction on the INTERNET will be available in the library. 25 patrons are participating in the NETWALK user's group.

Any child under 18 years of age is required to have his/her parent or guardian sign for permission to obtain a Suffolk Net password account. The slip must be signed in the presence of a reference librarian.

Northport used the Suffolk CD-ROM Net in April 8.8% which was more than any other library.

86 Larkfield Road, our interim site, is ready. Demolition will start on the East Northport building on August 1, 1996. The East Northport building plans are still with the State Education Department waiting for final approval.

There are three rows of parking behind the interim building. First row one hour, second row three hours, and the third row has unlimited parking. So parking for staff and patrons will be accommodated.

Director's Report (cont.)

A new telephone system will be purchased from our present vendor for the interim site at a cost of \$2500. and will be moved later into the new building.

Over one hundred Middle School youngsters attended writer M.E. Kerr's "Speaking of Writing" program on May 7. She focused on what writing is about. The "Journey Into Books" book reviewers joined her for lunch and an autograph session. Videos of the event are available for viewing.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Glennon moved to approve "A" Salary Increases in the Personnel Report as follows:

Michelle Bonomo, Page/Step 2, Ref. Npt, 5/18/96; Meagan Cavanaugh, Page/Step 3, Ref-Npt, 5/18/96; Joseph Davino, Page/Step 3, Ref-EN, 5/30/96; Magda Pearlman, Page/Step 7, Ref-Npt, 5/20/96; Renee Perry, Page/Step 3, Ref-Npt, 5/18/96, seconded by Mrs. McKay and unanimously carried.

Mrs. McKay moved to approve "E" Other in the Personnel Report as follows:

To hire an entry level clerical person, half-time, for the Accounting Department, effective immediately, seconded by Mrs. McGrail and unanimously carried.

OTHER

Mr. McNally reported on the status of the East Northport approval with the Suffolk County Board of Health for a sewage system in the new building.

EILEEN MINOGUE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ON LITERACY AND ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Mrs. Minogue distributed handouts: Regionalization of Adult Literacy Services in Western Suffolk, Memo of Understanding and Population Breakdowns for ESL and BL. Northport-East Northport has 2,902 residents who are potential candidates for BL and 2,176 who are potential candidates for ESL.

The library will contribute \$3,000. to literacy programs.

A petition, bill #(S2180/A3318) Electronic Doorway Library Bill, to "subsidize library access to the Internet and other electronic resources through the State's library system" was signed by the Board, Director and Assistant Director. Both our Internet Gateway and Telecommunications Network are classic models for this funding program.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Mrs. McGrail and unanimously carried.

Mr. Glennon moved to convene in Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters, seconded by Mrs. McKay and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay moved to go out of Executive Session at 8:27 p.m., seconded by Mrs. McGrail and unanimously carried.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 20, 1996 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth McKay
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Secretary