

NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meeting of December 21, 1993

Prior to the regular meeting the Board convened at 6:15 p.m. in Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, December 21, 1993 in the Northport library.

Ruth McKay called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Also attending were Jennifer Richmond, Stuart Goldblatt, Michael Glennon, C. Annette Carr, Director Stephanie Heineman and Assistant Director Eileen Minogue.

Douglas McNally, library counsel, also attended.

Mr. Kilarjian, a library patron, attended.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Goldblatt moved to accept the minutes of November 23, 1993 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Carr and unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY & TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Richmond moved to approve warrant, page 2223, in the amount of \$87,938.35, seconded by Mr. Goldblatt and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Carr moved to approve warrant, page 2224, in the amount of \$696.86, seconded by Mrs. Richmond and unanimously carried.

Mr. Glennon moved to approve warrant, page 2225, in the amount of \$67,962.55, seconded by Mrs. Carr and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Richmond moved to approve warrant, page 2226, in the amount of \$14,028.00, seconded by Mr. Goldblatt and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Carr moved to approve warrant, page 2230, in the amount of \$105,303.17, seconded by Mrs. Richmond and unanimously carried.

The Board accepted the payroll for the period ending:

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| December 3, 1993 | page 1439 | \$84,622.08 |
| December 17, 1993 | page 1440 | \$82,079.51 |

The Assistant Director reported that circulation in both libraries is increasing monthly; materials loaned to the schools are also increasing.

Mr. Glennon suggested that this fact be publicized.

Mrs. McKay suggested we make the public aware of how much material is loaned to the schools.

The video collection will be publicized stressing learning styles, nature of collection, non-fiction videos, etc.

The Board agreed that we must market our services.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters were received from:

Leo Contino of East Northport asking that the library not consider building on the Gildersleeve property because of creating an additional traffic problem.

(addressed to library counsel Douglas McNally) Mr. Robert R. Caputi of Faruolo, Caputi, Weintraub & Neary, Huntington, N.Y., informing the Board of Mr. Bonavita's intent to increase his offer to purchase the Gildersleeve lots.

SCLS informed the Board of the election of Maria Bertone to serve on the SCLS Board to represent the Towns of Smithtown and Huntington beginning January 1, 1994.

Paul Fazio of Northport, congratulating the Board on their "thoughtful and sensitive demeanor" during the November 16 meeting. He suggested the use of the Northport Middle School as a "community library."

Mr. Glennon, Chairperson of the Library Building Committee, corresponded to the principals of the elementary schools (with library Board's Progress Report attached) at Bellerose Avenue, Ocean Avenue and Norwood Avenue, requesting that if information is sought to contact the Library Director.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was presented orally to the Board. She reported that the Childrens' programs continue to be well attended. A learning disabled class from Northport High School visited the East Northport library, the librarians' Outreach Program visited children in Huntington Hospital, the Prime Time area now has a small space available with a table and chairs (another service to the public) and the Reference Department is working extensively on a document representing the budget it takes to run all its' services.

The Newsletter will have a new focus with a new look starting with the January issue.

The Director has been appointed to the SCLS Long Range Planning Committee.

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Kilarjian, a Northport resident, voiced his feelings regarding an observation between those doing research and the "video people," feels the need for a quiet place, stated the library is not as noisy as in the past, that the two libraries should be combined, asked where the Pulaski Road property was, praised the Half Hollow Hills library building and asked if a third floor could be built on the Northport building.

The Director answered his questions and expressed her feeling that the library wishes to satisfy all groups.

Mr. Kilarjian was invited to return for the January 25 Board meeting in the Community Room for the building program discussion.

OTHER

Mr. Len Salvadore, of the architectural firm Gibbons & Heidtmann, has not found any plans for possible expansion of the original Laurel Avenue Northport library building.

Mr. Andy Letkovsky, architect, has approached the library to assist in the planning of possible expansion and the building of a new East Northport library. The Director will inform Mr. Letkovsky that the library has already hired an architect and will thank him for his interest.

The public will be made aware that the bonds on the Northport building will be paid up in February 1994.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on January 25, 1994 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Goldblatt moved to adjourn at 8:22 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Carr and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Glennon
Secretary