

**Board of Trustees
Winthrop Public Library & Museum**

Agenda – 2/13//2008

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Reading & approval of 1/1/2008 minutes**
- 3. Old Business**
 - a. Library “restoration” update**
 - b. Helen Black Fund (?)**
 - c. New Director**
- 4. New Business**
 - a. FY08 Budget cuts – Minimize Library Hours?**
- 5. Date of Next Meeting – 3/26/08**
- 6. Motion to adjourn**

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Minutes

Trustees meeting, February 13, 2008, Ron Bergman Reading Room, Winthrop Public Library.

Mr. Matarazzo called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. The following named Trustees were present: James Matarazzo, Chairman, Susan Brazil, Stephen Dalton, Betty Peabody, John Tranfaglia and Richard Tyrell. The library was represented by John Cronin, Director, Ann Gutting, Assistant Director and Janice Flaherty, Administrative Assistant.

Minutes

Mr. Tranfaglia moved to accept the minutes of January 9, 2008, accepted as written. Ms. Peabody seconded the motion which was then approved.

Old Business

- a. There continues to be discussion as to Ms. Maurici's wishes on the placement of her memorial bench. Mr. Cronin will seek a satisfactory solution.
- b. Library "restoration" update. In addition to the room that has been completed, the room that leads to the Director's office will also be restored. The cost of \$20,000 for the complete job will remain as promised.
- c. Helen Black Fund. The Treasurer says that \$3606.00 remains in the fund, while Mr. Bertino says that the Fund has been exhausted. Mr. Cronin will attempt to discover actual figures from the original fund of \$25,000.
- d. New Director. Mr. Matarazzo is seeking a copy of the job description as used in the advertisements of three years ago.

New Business

- a. Peter Solomon. Mr. Solomon addressed the trustees and told of his pride in being a member of the Library staff as he exhorted the trustees to do all in their power to maintain full library hours while protecting the jobs of his colleagues. His words were warmly received by the trustees.

- b. FY08 budget cuts. The promotions of Mr. Peter Solomon and Mr. Arthur Languirand have not yet been approved by Mr. Bertino who cited a job freeze.

Owing to budget cuts, State Aid will be reduced to % 15,00- or \$16,000.

Mr. Cronin will meet with department heads and Mr. White on Wednesday morning, February 20, 2008 and try to ascertain the exact budget situation.

Mr. Cronin will request a meeting with Mr. White and our trustees for 6:30 P.M. on Monday, February 25, 2008.

Meeting

The next full meeting of the trustees will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 in the Ron Bergman Reading Room.

Adjournment

Ms. Brazil made the motion to adjourn this somber meeting at 7:38 P.M. Ms. Peabody seconded the motion and the trustees agreed.

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