

Board of Library Trustees
Provincetown, Massachusetts

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Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday, April 26, 1999 in the Provincetown Airport Meeting Room.

Attending: Maghi Geary, Chair; Arthur Pike, Secretary;

Anita Berman; Bonnie Steele McGhee; and Debra DeJonker-Berry, Director. (James Cole was delayed; he arrived later.) Robin Reid attended as representative of the Supporters of the Library.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. In order to give time for reading, voting on previous minutes was deferred until later in this meeting.

No Public Statements were offered.

Director's Report: The Director's written report, titled April 1999, is appended (Attachment 1). The Director pointed out work that is ongoing to develop disaster planning for the Library. She also noted that a difficulty has arisen around Internet policy, in terms of defining appropriate use for children. In response to her presentation, Arthur Pike moved that two new sentences be added to the present Internet policy: "Students who are in or entering the 11th grade may use the computers on the third floor. All younger students are to use the computers in the children's room on the first floor." This motion was seconded, and some discussion ensued. The Chair then called for a vote, and the motion passed 4-0.

The Director announced that the Friends of the Library are selling a new Library bookbag for \$20 each. She also indicated that problems with custodial service are continuing. It was agreed the Anita Berman and the Director would ask for a meeting with the Town Manager, together with the Director of Public Works, in still another attempt to achieve adequate custodial service for the Library.

The Director also distributed a tabulation of the Library's Trust Funds, and their new increased balances due to accumulated income. In keeping with our present policy, Arthur Pike moved that 90% of the increase be expended on books and other library materials. This motion was seconded and voted 4-0. The four Trustees present signed the authorization for expenditure. A copy of this authorization is appended (Attachment 2).

In a pleasant bit of jollity, the Chair felt that a vote of congratulation was in order. In response, Bonnie Steele McGhee moved that Arthur Pike is wonderful. The motion was seconded and passed 4-0.

Minutes: Bonnie Steele McGhee moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 1999, be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and voted 4-0.

Chair's Report: The Chair stated that she would call the Town Manager to set up the custodial-discussion meeting.

Fundraising: The Chair asked Robin Reid, as a member of the Supporters of the Library, to sit with the Board in discussion of the upcoming Auction. The previously chosen date of Saturday, June 12, 1999, seemed to be too soon, and to have conflicts with other activities in Provincetown. After calendars were checked, it appeared that Saturday, July 10, 1999, represented the best choice for the Auction date. (At this point, Jim Cole joined the meeting.)

Further discussion indicated that the Trustees would be pleased to have a small committee organize the Auction. The Trustees all want to contribute to the work of the Auction; however, last year's experience of several plenary meetings to plan an Auction indicated that a committee approach would be more efficient. Anita Berman, Jim Cole, and Robin Reid agreed to form such a committee, perhaps adding Lee Brenner from the Friends.

Suggestions for planning indicated support for a Silent Auction, and possibly a sale of Tee Shirts. Arthur Pike agreed to print out lists of the donors to last year's auction, and to make up mailing labels for those donors, so that a letter could be sent indicating that a volunteer would call on the donors for a possible new donation.

Other Business: Jim Cole stated that a possibility for a new location for the Library had been presented to him, but with very sketchy details at this time. Anita Berman moved that Jim Cole be deputized to follow up on the information that he had received. Her motion was seconded, and passed 5-0.

Under some pressure of time to adjourn before a penalty deadline required by the Airport, the Trustees agreed that the next meeting would be on Monday, May 24, 1999, at a place to be determined.

Adjournment: Bonnie Steele McGhee moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed 5-0. Adjournment was at 6:58 pm.