

Minutes of Extra Meeting

Wednesday, August 23, 2000 at the Provincetown Public Library.

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Attending: Bonnie Steele McGhee, Vice-Chair; Arthur Pike, Secretary; Anita Berman; Marcia Fair. Also, Debra DeJonker-Berry, Director. (James Cole was unable to attend.)

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Minutes: Marcia Fair moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2000 be approved as prepared by our On-Call Secretary, Rachel Crosby. This motion was seconded. Arthur Pike noted that he had talked with Rachel about not including a hyphen in the name of Bonnie Steele McGhee. It was agreed that Arthur would use white-out to fix the official hard copy delivered to the Town Clerk's office. With this provision, the motion to approve was voted 4-0.

Gift Fund Payment: The Director noted that this Board had agreed to accept funds from the Supporters to pay Rachel Crosby, but that we had not yet voted to expend the money when Rachel submitted an invoice. Anita Berman moved that we vote to pay our On-Call Secretary, at the Town-established rate, for the minutes just completed, with the disbursement coming from the Gift Fund when the invoice is submitted, and that all further invoices should go to the Library Director for payment from the Gift Fund. This motion was seconded and voted 4-0.

Director's Report: The Director pointed out three issues that need the Board's attention. The Council on Aging is asking for a change to full-time coverage by a custodian. Sandra Turner, DPW Operations Director, has suggested that, when a new custodian is hired, she would like to assign our present part-time custodian to be full time at the Council on Aging. Our Director wishes to keep Eddy Machado with us, at least half time as the schedule now is, because we have suffered without adequate coverage until Eddy was assigned here. After some discussion, Arthur Pike moved that the Director be authorized to write to Sandra Turner, with a copy to DPW Director David Guertin, expressing the Library's desire to keep Eddy Machado at least part-time with us, and with the letter giving the background of less than adequate service for the Library in the past. The motion was seconded and approved 4-0.

Another custodial issue has arisen, in a complaint from the Water Department that Eddy Machado was using a hose to clean off the bricks around our new tree, while he was watering the tree. The Director pointed out how dirty that area becomes, with tourist traffic and with many children sitting there. Anita Berman moved that a letter be written to the Water Superintendent requesting

that our custodian be allowed to wash the sidewalk in front of the Library for sanitary and health reasons. This motion was seconded and voted 4-0.

The Director noted that there will be a second Drag Brunch at Café Blasé tomorrow. She feels that we do not need to take any action now, but that we may wish to review this event for possible discussion next year.

The Director reported the rude behavior of a patron rushing to get computer access to the Internet. It was her feeling that she would like to meet with the patron to warn him that he may lose Internet and Library privileges if he continues his unacceptable behavior. The Board felt that this patron should have privileges revoked immediately, rather than wait for a further incident. Discussion was offered as to how the staff might be protected against aggression; the consensus was that a call for help from the police would be effective. Anita Berman moved that anybody who abuses a Library employee because of objecting to that employee's behavior be excluded from the use of the Library facility for a period of one month and, if the patron uses further aggression, that the police be summoned. The motion was seconded and voted 4-0. The Director will write a letter to the patron announcing this decision, with the suspension of privileges for one month from the date of the incident. She will also contact the Chief of Police for advice about delivering the letter.

Correspondence: The Director called attention to the Selectmen's schedule of August 28 for a walk-through of the Center Street and Freeman Street buildings, with the Tappé summaries in hand. At the request of the Selectmen, James Cole will be the only member of our Board present, in an effort to keep the touring group small. Additional dates have been proposed for further discussion with the Selectmen, and for a public hearing on the Tappé Feasibility Report. It appears that these suggested dates may have to be rescheduled because of vacations.

Discussion was opened about the communication of Barry Clifford to the Selectmen about some possible linkage with the Whydah Museum. The consensus of our Board is that some kind of linkage might be desirable in the future, but that we should stay focussed on our own issues with the Center Street building at present. Anita Berman moved that the Board empower Marcia Fair to write a letter to the Selectmen in response to the Clifford letter, expressing our interest in the proposal from the Whydah Museum, but deferring any action until our plans have moved further ahead. This motion was seconded and voted 4-0.

Fundraising: Anita Berman reported that Donna Roll may be interested in having Operafest do a benefit for our Library in the Summer of 2001. Anita plans to confer with Elizabeth Steele-Jeffers about coordinating such an event.

The Director also reported that there will be a benefit performance for the Library on Saturday at the Provincetown Inn.

The Director reminded the Board that the next Regular Meeting has been scheduled for 7 pm, Wednesday, September 20, at the Provincetown Police Station.

Adjournment: Arthur Pike moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed 4-0. Adjournment was at 10:08 am.

Arthur L. Pike,
Secretary.

approved: 9/20/2000 _____
(date) (initials)

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