

THE FERGUSON LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 24, 2001

Present:

Board Members: T. Payne, Chair; G. Harvey; J. James; H. Romanowitz; D. Russell; W. Warrick

Citizen Advisers: H. Bennett; C Guinta; K. Sample; J. Silverstein

Staff: E. DiMattia; N. Bochicchio; A. Knapp; J. F. Anderson

Guest: D. Reda

Mr. Payne presided.

Minutes:

The minutes of the June 25, 2001 meeting were approved as presented.

President's Report

Mr. DiMattia reviewed his June, July and August reports, noting in particular the statistical results for the 2000-2001 fiscal year, alternative funding sources used by the Library for special projects and programs, and the 2001 Summer Reading Club results. Mr. DiMattia then introduced Ms. Anderson, Supervisor of the South End Branch, who reported on her recent professional trip to South Africa.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. DiMattia, reporting for Ms. Broom, informed the Board that, for the twelve months ending June 30, 2001, actual revenues exceeded budget by \$84,485, while actual expenses exceeded budget by \$80,719, resulting in a operating surplus of \$3,766 for the year. He added that for the first two months of the 2001-2002 fiscal year, there was no significant revenue variance.

Executive Committee

Mr. Payne reported that the Executive Committee met on September 21, 2001, and reviewed the Agenda items for the September 24 Board of Trustees meeting.

Education Committee

Mr. Russell indicated that, as Chair of the Education Committee, he received an update on several initiatives with the Stamford school system, and discussed improvements to the "homework help" Webpage.

Long Range Policy Committee

Mr. Harvey distributed and discussed a draft of the Long Range Plan, noting that the Committee has received considerable input during the compilation process from both the Board of Trustees and Library management. He reported the Committee still needs to review priorities and the funding implications of the plan, and then determine an implementation strategy.

Friends of Ferguson:

Mrs. Sample informed the Board that the Friends of Ferguson 2002 Book and Author Luncheon will take place on May 17 at the Sheraton Hotel. She also stated there are several vacancies on the Friends Board.

Nominating Committee

Mr. Payne presented the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for officers for 2001-2002. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report electing Thomas M. Cassone, Esq., as Chair; George B. Harvey as Vice-Chair; Juanita T. James as Secretary; and Patricia L. Broom as Treasurer. Mr. Payne added that the election of a new Trustee would take place at the next meeting.

New Business

The following motion was made, seconded and approved:

WHEREAS, Theodore E. Payne has served as a member of the Board for nine years and,

WHEREAS, Theodore E. Payne has served as Chair for one year, Vice-Chair for one year, and Treasurer for one year and,

WHEREAS, Theodore E. Payne has served as Chair of the Executive, Personnel and Nominating Committees, and as a member of the Executive, Personnel, Long Range Planning, Pension, Community Relations Committees, Citizen Adviser to the Board, and as Liaison to the Friends Board of Directors; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of The Ferguson Library hereby extends its sincerest appreciation to Theodore E. Payne for his distinguished service.

The following motion was made, seconded and approved:

WHEREAS, Brenden P. Leydon, Esq. has served as a member of the Board for five years and,

WHEREAS, Brenden P. Leydon, Esq. has served as Chair of Technology and Bylaws Committees, and as a member of the Nominating, Technology, Bylaws, Special Gifts, Education, and Long Range Planning Committees; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of The Ferguson Library hereby extends its sincere appreciation to Brenden P. Leydon, Esq. for his distinguished service.

The following motion was made, seconded and approved:

That the new officers, as well as the President of the Library, be authorized for, and on behalf of, this corporation to transact any and all business with the following banks:

Chase Manhattan Bank
First County Bank
First Union National Bank
Fleet Bank
People's Savings Bank

and that the Director of Administrative Services signature continue to be eligible to sign expense checks for The Ferguson Library.

Mr. Reda, representing the accounting firm of VanBrundt DuBiago & Co., presented a draft report of the independent auditors for the year ending June 30, 2001. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report.

The following motion was made, seconded and approved:

That the Executive Committee is authorized to approve a contract with the employee bargaining unit, if an agreement is reached prior to the November Board of Trustees meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Juanita T. James
Secretary