

First Minutes. Webb City, Mo., May 6, 1913.

At the annual city election held April 1913, the people of Webb City voted a mill tax for the purpose of establishing a free public library in Webb City.

In compliance with the law, Mayor W.V.K. Spencer appointed the following persons members of the Library Board:

W.F. Gill,  
W.W. Wampler,  
Ella F. Helm,  
Mrs. J.C. Stewart,  
George J. Kusterer,  
T.J. Roney,  
Mrs. Grace L. Jenkins,  
Walter Lagle,  
A.G. Young.

Pursuant to a call by the mayor, the members chosen by him met at the law office of attorney A.G. Young, May 6th, 1913, for the purpose of organizing. A.G. Young was chosen temporary chairman, after which the following permanent officers were elected:

W.F. Gill, President.  
G.J. Kusterer, Vice-President.  
Ella F. Helm, Secretary.

On motion, the following committee on rules and regulations was appointed:

T.J. Roney,  
Mrs. J.C. Stewart,  
George J. Kusterer.

On motion it was decided to hold the regular meetings of the board on the first Tuesday of each month in the men's Bible Class room of the First Presbyterian Church. ~~the next meeting~~

On motion the secretary was instructed to notify the home papers of the organization, and to request those having sites to present option in writing.

On motion the board adjourned to meet Tuesday evening May 13th, 1913.

Ella F. Helm, Sec.

Webb City, Mo. May, 13, 1913.

The Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of Webb City, Mo., met in the Men's Bible Class room of the First Presbyterian Church, pursuant to adjournment. All the members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Several communications regarding sites were read, others were given verbally, but no definite action was taken.

W.W. Wampler, A. G. Young and Walter Lagle were appointed as a committee on building sites.

A set of rules and regulations as adopted by the Jefferson City Library Board were read, and the committee requested to report at the next meeting.

On motion the board adjourned to meet Monday evening, May, 19, for the purpose of considering sites and other matters.

Ella F. Helm, Sec.

Third Minutes.

Webb City, Mo., May 19, 1913.

Called to order by Vice-President, President tardy.

All present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Rules and Regulations read by Chairman Roney and revised and adopted section by section. Secretary instructed to copy and to renumber in consecutive order.

The members cast lots for terms, the results were as follows:

One year: Gill, Wampler, Helm.

Two year: Young, Lagle, Jenkins.

Three year: Kusterer, Roney, Stewart.

A motion made by W. W. Wampler was carried that Roll Call be omitted from the regular order of business after which the following order of business was adopted.

1. Reading of minutes.
2. Reading of communications.
3. Report of standing committees.
4. Report of special committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Adjourn.

Corresponding Secretary instructed to reply to communication that applications for librarian will be taken up later.

*Elba F. Helm Secy.*

A motion made by Mr. Roney was carried that the Board of Directors order that all propositions for building sites for the Public Library be submitted in writing and filed with W. W. Wampler before the first Tuesday in June at which time all applications will be carefully considered. Board adjourned to meet first Tuesday in June.

*Ella F. Helm.*

Fourth Minutes.

Webb City, Mo., June 3, 1913.

Meeting called to order by President. Present; Gill, Helm, Roney, Kusterer, Jenkins, Lagle, Wampler, Young.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

All communications regarding options for building sites for library were read and discussed.

The consensus of opinion of the board being in favor of a central location providing funds could be raised to pay for same. After long discussion, the corresponding secretary was instructed to notify each applicant for building site to appear before Board at next meeting Tuesday June 17, with a report of what the surrounding vicinity or community would do if his proposition was accepted.

A motion was made and carried that A. G. Young be the press reporter and information bureau for the Board of Directors.

Mrs. Jenkins in behalf of the Woman's Civic Federation gave \$5.00 for secretary book, postage, etc., also in behalf of the Woman's Study Club gave \$10. for lot. Corresponding Secretary instructed to extend a vote of thanks for same.

Board Adjourned to meet June 17.

Ella F. Helm.

June 17th, 1913.

The Library Board of the Free Public Library of Webb City, Mo., met in the Men's Bible Class room of the First Presbyterian Church. All the members were present.

Mr. C. M. Manker was present and offered 150x100 feet of ground at the corner of Liberty and First Streets for \$3000.00 and said that all had been subscribed but \$1400.00, provided it was located at that place.

Mr. S. Nilson was present and offered 100 x 100 feet at the corner of Cronogo and Joplin Streets for \$4250. with a donation of \$250., leaving the balance of \$4000.00 to be raised.

Mr. Bert Johnson was present on behalf of his father and offered the site at corner of Webb and John Streets, 100 x 100 feet, for \$4500. with a donation of \$300., leaving \$4200. to be raised.

Mr. Kusterer stated that Mr. McEntee had withdrawn his option for a library site.

On motion it was decided to consider no proposed site that is less than 100 x 100 feet.

On motion the site committee was instructed to prepare pledge cards and it was decided to proceed at once to take subscriptions for a fund to purchase a site.

On motion the Cor. Sec. was instructed to write the Carnegie corporation with reference to the probable amount that would be given for the building.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Ella F. Helm, Sec.

July 2, 1914.

The Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of Webb City, Missouri, met in regular session in the basement of the Presbyterian Church.

There were present W.F.Gill, W.W.Wampler, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Jenkins, G.J.Kuesterer, W.lagle, T.J.Roney and A.G.Young.

The minutes of the meeting held June 17th, 1913, were read and approved.

The committee on building sites reported that \$594.50 had been subscribed unconditionally, on the site at the corner of Liberty and First Streets, known as the Kanker site, \$1470.00; on the Walton site, \$80.00.

After some discussion of the various sites it was moved, seconded and carried that the site at the corner of First and Liberty Streets be selected as the site for the library.

It was decided to continue the canvas for funds with which to purchase the site.

The secretary was instructed to notify the architects that a site had been selected and that the board was ready to examine plans.

Adjourned to meet at time of next regular meeting.

A.G.Young, Sec.pro tem.

Webb City, Mo., Aug. 5, 1913.

The Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of Webb City, Mo., met in regular session in the Men's Bible Class room of the First Presbyterian Church. There were present Gill, Kusterer, Jenkins, Wampler, Lagle and Young.

Bids for the buildings on the lots purchased for the library site were opened and the bid of the Home Land & Loan Company of \$250.00 for the North house and ~~and~~ \$200.00 for the South house, or \$450.00 for the two houses being the highest and best bid, it was moved and carried that the houses be sold to it.

It was moved and carried that each member of the board endeavor to collect the subscriptions taken by such member.

On motion the board adjourned to meet on Tuesday night, Aug. 19, 1913.

A. G. Young, Sec. pro tem.

Webb City, Mo., Aug. 19, 1913.

The Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of Webb City, Missouri, met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Gill, Wampler, Jenkins, and Mrs. C. M. Manker, in the place of Mrs. J. C. Stewart, and Young. *Miss Kusterer*

After some informal discussion of the plans and the collection of subscriptions the board adjourned.

A. G. Young, Sec. Pro tem.



Webb City, Mo. Sept. 2, 1913.

The Board of Directors of the Free Public Library met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Gill, Jenkins, Lagle, Young, Helm, Kusterer.

Mr Green a Kansas City architect, and Mr Stines a local architect presented plans for library building.

After a lengthy discussion of the plans, the board adjourned to meet Sept. 5 for further consideration of them.

Ella P. Helm, Sec'y.

Webb City, Mo., Sept. 5, 1913.

The Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of Webb City, Mo., met in special session in the man's Bible Class room of the First Presbyterian Church. Present: Stewart, Helm, Honey, Gill, Lagle, Kusterer, Young.

After a careful examination of plans and a study of views of Library Buildings, a motion was made by Mr. Young and carried that a committee be appointed to interview Mr. Stines and find out his qualifications, experience, and success as an architect.

The chair appointed Honey, Young and Lagle and requested them to report at next meeting.

On motion by Mr. Honey, the sec'y was instructed to write to Mr. Miller, an architect of Chicago, in answer to his telegram, of our next meeting Sept. 9, to present his plans. On motion, board adjourned.

Elle F. Helm, Sec'y.

Webb City, Mo. Sept. 9, 1913.

The Board of Directors of the Free Public Library met in special session in Men's Bible class room in the Presbyterian church. Present: Gill, Kusterer, Roney, ~~Helms~~, Stewart, Lagle, Jenkins.

Mr. Miller an architect of Chicago, presented views and costs of library buildings.

Mr. Roney gave a report of the committees interview with Mr. Stines. He reported that Mr Henry was Mr. Stine's architect.

The Board adjourned to meet Sept. 12 for a further consideration of plans.

*Ella F. Helms.  
Secy.*

Webb City, Mo. Sept. 12, 1913.

The Board of Directors of the Free Public Library met in special session to consider the employment of an architect.

Mr. Miller of Chicago was chosen provided his recommendation were satisfactory.

On motion board adjourned to meet at 10 a. m Saturday, Sept. 13, in attorney T. J. Roney's office to examine credentials of Mr. Miller.

Ella F. Helm, Sec'y.

Webb City, Mo. Sept. 13, 1913.

The Board of Directors of the Free Public Library met  
at attorney T. J. Roney's office at 10 a. M. Present:  
Roney, Helm, Kusterer, Stewart, Wampler, Young.

Credentials satisfactory, C. E. Miller was employed as  
architect, for the proposed Carnegie Library of Webb City,  
Missouri.

Ella F. Helm, Sec'y.

