

Webb City, Missouri

January 14, 1941

The Library Board met at 6.45 P. M. in monthly session with the following members present: Mrs. Lee A. Daugherty, Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. J. M. Hiron, Miss Olive Gilmer, and Dr. J. G. Hilton, Harry Bellairs, E. R. Switzer.

Mrs. Daugherty reported a balance of \$1638.72 in the treasury.

An informal discussion concerning the possibility of redecorating the interior of the Library was held. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Community Chest Committee asking for funds to finance the project.

The monthly report was read and approved.

Olive Gilmer
Olive Gilmer, Secretary

No meeting in Feb. 1941

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Secretary

Webb City, Missouri

March 11, 1941

The Library Board met in monthly session in the home of Dr. J. G. Hilton at 6:45 P. M. All members were present.

Mrs. Daugherty read a financial statement which showed a balance of \$1,346.46. The expense for January was \$147.49 and for February \$151.98. Included in the February disbursements was an item of \$66.80 for the renewal of magazines. A new magazine subscription for the American Girl was ordered.

The secretary read a letter from Harry Easley in reply to a request from the Board for aid from the Community Chest to re-decorate the Library. In his letter, Mr. Easley said that he doubted the advisability of granting the request at this time. The delay of the State Legislature to make further provision for the indigent had increased local calls. Therefore, he doubted the wisdom of making the gift at this time.

The secretary was instructed to send a card to Mr. Watson, the custodian, who is ill.

Miss Helm read the monthly reports of January and February which were accepted.


Olive Glimmer

Secretary

Webb City, Missouri

April 8, 1941

The Library Board met in monthly session in the home of Dr. J. G. Hilton at 6:45 P.M. The following members were present: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. J. M. Hirons, Mrs. Hal M. Wise, Mrs. Lee A. Daugherty, Miss Olive Gilmer, Beverly Bunce, E. R. Switzer, and Dr. J. G. Hilton

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Daugherty presented a financial report showing a balance, April 8th of \$1345.77. The expense for March was \$127.17. A comparison of finance for the years of 1940 and 1941 showed an increase of \$367.06 for 1941.

Mr. Watson, the custodian, submitted an estimate of expense of materials to repair the basement. The labor and materials were estimated at \$8.50. President Hilton instructed the building committee, composed of Mr. Bunce, Mr. Switzer, and Mrs. Hirons, to act upon the estimate.

The question of redecorating the Library was discussed. Mr. Switzer suggested that it might be possible to include a sum sufficient to do this work in the proposed city bond issue. However, no definite action was taken.

A gift of \$10.00 from the Civic Club for books was reported. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation for the gift.

The Board approved the allowance of \$18.00 to Mr. Watson for a salary deduction that had been previously made.

Miss Helm read the monthly report which was approved and order
filed.

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

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Webb City, Missouri

May 13, 1941

The Library Board met in monthly session in the home of Dr. J. G. Hilton at 6:45 P. M. The following members were present: Mrs. Lee A Daugherty, Mrs. J. M. Hiron, Miss Olive Gilmer, Harry Bellairs, E. R. Switzer and Dr. J. G. Hilton.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Daugherty read a financial report which showed a balance of \$1146.06 on May 1st.

Mr. Switzer reported that, according to Mr. Watson, the Paris-green solution which was ordered placed along the basement walls, is working effectively in the extermination of termites.

President Hilton instructed Mr. Switzer to look after furnace repairs.

In the matter book repairs, Miss Helm reported that a W. P. A. agent from Joplin had offered to repair books for \$7 per hundred. Accordingly, Mrs Daugherty made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Switzer, that the Board allow seven dollars per month for book repair. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Miss Gilmer and seconded by Mrs. Hiron that a file of the Webb City Daily Sentinel be kept. The motion carried.

The matter of redecorating the Library was discussed. The Board members expressed themselves as feeling that the need of renovation and repairs is urgent. Whereupon, Mr. Switzer made a motion that we petition the Mayor and City Council to include a sum of \$1000 for Library repairs in the proposed city bond issue. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Daugherty. The motion ~~was~~ carried. President Hilton then instructed the Secretary to write a letter to the Mayor and City Council requesting the necessary \$1000. Further, the Board Members mutually agreed to solicit the good will of the various clubs of the city in the proposal. They also agreed that the cause might be strengthened by the attendance of the Members at the Council Meeting, Monday evening; May 19.

Miss Helm read the monthly report which was approved and ordered filed.

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SECRETLY

Supplementary

A call meeting of the Library Board met Tuesday, May 20th at 12:30 A.M. in the Library. All members were present.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with the Mayor, Dr. W. S. Slaughter; and several members of the City Council, together with C. W. Stines, an architect, and make a survey of the condition of the Library. An extensive investigation was made and reports were returned to a call session of the City Council that evening.

Olive Gilman
Secretary

Webb City, Mo.

June 10, 1941

The Library Board met in monthly session at the home of

Dr. J.G.Hilton at 8:45 P.M. The following members were present: Mrs. W.C.Ball, Mrs. Lee A. Daugherty, Mrs. Hal M. Wise, Mrs. J.M. Hirons, Miss Olive Gilmer, Harry Bellairs, E.R.Switzer, and Dr. J.G.Hilton.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Daugherty presented a financial report that showed the expense for May \$146.84. The daily balance was \$992.22 which was a slight increase for the same day of the year of 1940.

Dr. Hilton offered the idea of organizing a book club in Webb City whereby citizens of Webb City might be induced to make book gifts to the Library. All members concurred in the idea and Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Wise, and Miss Gilmer, members of the book committee were instructed to work out a plan to put the club in operation.

An informal discussion of the proposed bond issue followed. All members were urged to attend the Chamber of Commerce luncheon in the interest of the issue.

Miss Florence Helm was re-elected as librarian and D.D. Watson was retained as custodian.

The monthly report was read and approved.

Olive Gilmer
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Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
October 14, 1941

The Library Board met in the home of Dr. J. G. Hilton at 6:45 P. M. Seven members were present; namely: Mrs. Hal M. Wise, Mrs. J. M. Hiron, Mrs. W. C. Ball, Miss Olive Gilmer, Beverly Bunce, E. R. Switzer, and Dr. Hilton.

Mrs. Hiron presented a report of the repair work that is in progress at the library. The work is being done by N. Y. A. laborers under the supervision of Mr. Carsten. The question of paint on the basement walls was discussed. Mr. Carsten advised a cement paint which is more permanent than the ordinary kind. No action was taken concerning the matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Switzer and seconded by Mrs. Ball that the secretary write a letter to the Mayor and City Council urging the modernization of the lighting system.

President Hilton instructed Mr. Switzer to investigate the car accident that occurred recently and damaged the shrubbery at the northwest corner of the lawn.

Mrs. Hiron reported that two trees needed attention.

A bill of \$65.22 for the paving of First Street was read and ordered to be paid.

Miss Helm read the monthly report which was accepted.

Secretary

Olive Gilmer

Webb City, Missouri
November 11, 1941

The Library Board met at 6:45 P.M. in the home of the president, Dr. J. G. Hilton.

Six members were present, namely: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. Lee A. Daugherty, Mrs. J. M. Hiron, Miss Olive Gilmer, Harry Bellairs, and Dr. J. G. Hilton.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Hilton reported an interview with Mayor Slaughter concerning new light fixtures for the library. He said that the plan was to change the lighting system.

Mrs. Daugherty reported a balance in the treasury of \$589.64, an increase of \$133.86 ^{from} of November 1940.

The September expense was \$222.15 and the month of October was \$210.62.

In an informal discussion, Mrs. Ball suggested that the Board sponsor an "open house" or gift tea at the Library when the repair work is finished. Every member approved the idea.

Miss Helm read the monthly report which was approved.

Olive Gilmer
Olive Gilmer, Secretary

