

Webb City, Mo.
Jan. 12, 1943

The library board met in monthly session at 7 P.M. in the home of the president, Dr. J. G. Hilton. The following members were present: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. Lee A. Daugherty, Mrs. J. M. Hiron, Mrs. Hal M. Wise, E. R. Switzer, Olive Gilmer, and Dr. Hilton.

Mrs. Daugherty presented a financial report that showed a balance of \$2112.87 after the December bills of \$156.82 had been allowed. The total income for the year of 1942 was \$4201.43. A fund of \$221.13, which represents a paint refund from the West End Pharmacy and some insurance was reported.

Mrs. Hiron reported that Mr. Wilhite had spoken to her concerning an outstanding account. The secretary called him over the telephoned and learned that he had repaired the door of the library during the spring of 1942 at the direction of Mayor Slaughter. The bill amounted to \$16.00.

Dr. Hilton instructed Mrs. Hiron to have Mr. Wilhite present his bill to Mr. Justin, the City Clerk, for payment.

By mutual agreement of all members present, it was decided to place the quota of coal in the basement. Miss Helm was instructed to tell the custodian to conserve coal as much as possible.

A motion was made by Mr. Switzer and seconded by Mrs. Daugherty that \$100 be allowed for the purchase of new books from time to time. The motion carried. Dr. Hilton then suggested that the book committee, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Wise, and Miss Gilmer submit book lists from which Miss Helm might order books.

Mr. Switzer reported that the Corl book stock which he had formerly offered to the library had been taken by the Salvation Army.

Mrs. Hiron was instructed to consult Jim Meratta about conditioning the trees on the lawn.

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

Secretary

Webb City, Mo.

February 9, 1943

The library board met in monthly session at 7 P. M. in the home of the president, Dr. J.G. Hilton. The members present were: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. Lee A. Daugherty, Mrs. Hal M. Wise, Olive Gilmer, E. R. Switzer and Dr. J.G. Hilton.

Miss Helm reported that the Smith Fuel Company had delivered $7\frac{1}{2}$ tons of coal at a cost of \$30.00.

Mrs. Hirons reported that the trees on the lawn have been trimmed and conditioned at an expense of \$20. The work was done by Jim Meratta.

Mrs. Daugherty presented a financial report which showed a balance of \$1951.58 after the January expense of \$197.21 plus \$20.00 (or \$217.21) for tree surgery had been paid. The tax collections for January amounted to \$53.92.

Mrs. Ball reported that Mrs. Dumbauld had presented about 500 medical volumes to the library. A motion was made by Mrs. Ball and seconded by Mrs. Hirons that the secretary write a letter of thanks to Mrs. Dumbauld for the gift.

Miss Helm stated that several new books had been ordered for the rental shelf.

The Monthly report was read and approved.

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Mo.
March 9, 1943

The library board met at 7 P. M. in the home of the president, Dr. J. G. Hilton, with the following members present: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. J. M. Hiron, Mrs. Lee A. Daugherty, Mrs. Hal M. Wise, Miss Olive Gilmer, E. R. Switzer, and Dr. J. G. Hilton.

Mrs. Daugherty presented a financial report that showed a balance of \$1892.53. The expense for February was \$222.47. The February tax collection for the library was \$73.42.

Miss Helm reported that a number of new books had been ordered, but that their delivery had been somewhat delayed.

An idea prevailed among the board members that a few lately published religious books might meet public approval, and Miss Helm agreed to order some in the near future.

Mrs. Ball made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Daugherty that some books from the Junior Guild be ordered for children of the first six grades. The motion carried.

Mr. Switzer made a motion that the Librarian be permitted to extend library privileges to rural people. Mrs. Daugherty seconded the motion. In discussing the matter, it was mutually agreed that the motion was purely a friendly gesture to the residents of the countryside and that the only requirement necessary should be the signature of a Webb City resident. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Secretary

Webb City, Missouri

April 13, 1943

The library board met in monthly session at 7 P.M. in the home of the president, Dr. J. G. Hilton. Members present were: Mrs. Lee A. Daugherty, Mrs. W. C. Ball, Miss Olive Gilmer, E. R. Switzer and Dr. J. G. Hilton.

Mrs. Daugherty presented a financial statement which showed a balance of \$1638.82 in the treasury after the March expense of \$161.38 had been allowed. The tax collections allocated to the library fund during the month of March amounted to \$64.42.

Miss Helm reported that a number of library cards have been issued to country people.

Dr. Hilton suggested to Miss Gilmer that she get the "Keep off the Grass" sign repainted.

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

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Mo.
May 11, 1943

The library board met at 7 P. M. in the home of the president, Dr. J. G. Hilton. The following members were present: Mrs. W.C. Ball, Mrs. Lee A. Daugherty, Miss Olive Gilmer, Harry Bellairs, and Dr. J. G. Hilton.

Mrs. Daugherty presented a financial report which showed a balance on May 1st of \$1,355.56 after the April expense of \$157.59 had been paid. A comparison of the balance for May 1942 and that of May 1943 showed an increase for the current year of \$121.21

The matter of spring housecleaning at the library was discussed. Miss Helm reported that she asked Mr. Watson to do the work.

Miss Helm also reported that she was ordering a few new books from time to time, but the delivery of them was exceedingly slow.

The monthly report was read and approved.

Signed,

Olive Gilmer
Miss Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri

June 8, 1943

The library board met in regular session at 7 P.M. in the home of the president, Dr. J.G. Hilton, with the following members present: Mrs. W.C. Ball, Mrs. Lee A. Daugherty, Miss Olive Gilmer, E.R. Switzer, and Dr. J.G.Hilton.

Mrs. Daugherty presented a financial report which showed a balance of \$1585.21 after the May expenses of \$165.88 had been allowed. The tax collection for May amounted to \$66.91.

The officers for the year of 1943-44 were elected as follows:

President, Dr. J. G. Hilton
Vice President, Mrs. W. C. Ball
Secretary, Miss Olive Gilmer

A motion was made by Mrs. Ball and seconded by Mrs. Daugherty that Miss Florence Helm be re-elected librarian. The motion carried.

The motion was then made by Mrs. Daugherty and seconded by Miss Gilmer that Miss Helm's salary be increased \$5.00 per month. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Switzer presented a motion to elect D.D. Watson as custodian of the library. Mrs. Ball seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

The monthly and annual reports were read and approved and ordered filed.

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
October 12, 1943

The Library Board met in a monthly session at the home of the president, Dr. J. G. Hilton, at 7 p.m. The following members were present: Mrs. Lee A. Daugherty, Mrs. Hal M. Wise, Miss Olive Gilmer, E. R. Switzer, and Dr. J. G. Hilton.

Mrs. Daugherty presented a financial report which showed a balance of \$1261.09 after the September expense of \$131.63 had been paid. An interesting comparison of the financial status of October 1942 and the one of the current year seemed note worthy. The balance for October 1942 was \$901.29 while that of October 1943 was \$1261.09. The revenue collected during the months of June, July, and August of the present year amounted to \$90.89.

Miss Helm reported that 32 tons of coal had been delivered during September.

The matter of placing a sign on the lawn so that strangers might recognize the library was discussed and referred to Mr. Switzer, who was to investigate the expense.


A written report of needed repairs of steps and drain pipes about the building was submitted by Mr. Watson, the custodian.

Miss Helm reported a leak in the northeast corner of the building.

Dr. Hilton instructed Mr. Switzer, chairman of the building committee, to investigate the expense of making the repairs.

Miss Helm was granted the privilege of employing someone to assist her in repair work of books.

The monthly report was read and approved and ordered filed.


Olive Gilmer, Secretary

November 9, 1943.

Board members present; Dr. Hilton, Mr. Switzer, Mr. Bellairs, Mrs. Daugherty. No quorum was present. Members present decided to discuss items carried over from previous meeting.

Minutes for the meeting of October 12th were read.

Mr. Switzer reported that firemen had promised to clean out the gutters and drains.

He also reported that he had investigated the cost of placing a name plate on the outside of the building. No action was taken because of lack of quorum.

Mr. Switzer also reported that he had asked for ^{an} opinion on the need for repairs at the front of the building, but had not yet received the information.

Mrs. Daugherty stated that there was a balance of \$1676.32 in the bank after the October bills amounting to \$131.46 had been paid. This amount is \$753³² more than was on hand at the same time last year.

Tax collections for October 1943, amounted to \$ 346.69, as compared to \$ 172.94 for the month of October 1942.

Librarian's report was read.

Adjournment.

