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Webb City, Missouri.  
January 11th, 1944.

The Library Board met in regular session at 7 P.M. at the Library. Members Present were Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. J. M. Hirons, Mrs. Hal Wise, Mrs. Lee Daugherty and Mr. E. R. Switzer. Mrs. W. C. Ball, Vice-President, called the meeting to order. In the absence of the Secretary the Chairman appointed Mrs. Daugherty to act in her place.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

A copy of the letter of regret written by the Secretary to Dr. J. G. Hilton, who served thirteen years as President of this Board and resigned because of ill health, was read and ordered filed.

Mr. Switzer, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, presented a print of a sign to be used to identify this building on the outside, and after some discussion Mrs. Hirons moved seconded by Mrs. Wise, that the sign as submitted by the Wilhite Painting Co., be ordered made and placed on the northwest corner of the building, facing Liberty Street. Carried.

Miss Helm reported the books ordered are coming in slowly and the rental shelf is very satisfactory.

Mrs. Daugherty, Financial Chairman, reported a balance in the bank on the above date of \$2629.73. One year ago today the balance was \$2114.87, showing a gain of \$514.86. December 1943 Tax collections \$1143.31 and December 1943 Expense was 159.51. An insurance refund of \$31.89 has been paid into the Library fund.

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

Mrs. Wise moved we adjourn.

CARRIED.

*Alta M. Daugherty*  
Secretary Pro Tem.

Webb City, Missouri  
Feb. 8, 1944

The library board met in monthly session at the library at 7 P.M. The following members were present: Mrs. W.C. Ball, Mrs. J. M. Hirons, Mrs. Lee A. Daugherty, Mrs. Hal M. Wise, Miss Olive Gilmer, and E. R. Switzer. Mrs. Ball presided.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Daugherty presented a financial statement which showed a balance of \$2566.55 after the January expense of \$170.46 had been allowed. The balance for February 1943 was \$1951.58. A comparison of the the two years shows the current year as having an increase of \$614.97 over that of 1943. The library tax collected in January amounted to \$127.28.

Mr. Switzer reported that the sign for the library had been ordered.

Miss Helm reported that a number of new books had been ordered and that about a dozen had been placed on the circulation shelf.

The monthly report was read and accepted.

The motion for adjournment and a visit of the entire board to the home of Dr. J.G. Hilton, the former president of the board, was made by Mrs. Daugherty and seconded by Mrs. Wise. The motion carried.

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Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri  
March 14, 1944

The library board met in monthly session in the library building at 7 p.m. Mr. Carmack was welcomed as a new member. The following members were present: Mrs. W.C. Ball, Mrs. J.M. Hiron, Mrs. Lee A. Daugherty, Miss Olive Gilmer, E.R. Switzer, Beverly Bunce, and Jack Carmack. Mrs. Ball presided.

A note of appreciation from Dr. J.G. Hilton, former president of the board, for the box of candy which the board members had sent to him on Valentine Day, was read.

Mrs. Daugherty presented the financial statement which showed a balance of \$2339.18 after the February expense of \$172.62 had been allowed. The February tax collection for the library amounted to \$17.90. A comparison of finance for the year of 1943 and 1944 showed the balance for 1943 to be \$1802.53 or an increase of \$536.65 for the present year. Mrs. Daugherty explained that the magazine subscriptions were renewed the latter part of February; therefore a bill of \$69.75 was unaccounted for in the February report.

Mr. Switzer reported that the sign for the library should be posted within the next few weeks.

Miss Helm reported that termites are again in the basement. After some discussion it was informally agreed that Mr. Watson, the custodian, should purchase a spray and an insecticide and make an effort to exterminate them (termites.)

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

A motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Hiron and seconded by Mrs. Daugherty. The motion carried.

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City Missouri

April 12th 1944

The Webb City Public Library Board met in regular session this date with the following board members present -Mrs Ball -Mrs Wise- Mrs Daugherty- Mrs Hiron -E.R. Switzer -Jack Carmack and Bev. Bunce

First business coming before board was reports of the several committees. Mr. Switzer reported that the sign for the Library had been installed. there had been several favorable comments relative to the sign.

Mrs Daugherty reported a balance in the Library account of \$2,256.57 as of this date with a comparative balance of \$1,638.82 one year ago. . March 1944 taxes received \$32.60 and expenses paid \$145.22 .

After a general discussion it was decided by the board to give the custodian (Mr. Watson ) a Five dollar per month increase in salary .

Mrs Ball called attention to the fact that the libraries present set of insaclopedias were an old issue and quite out of date Motion was made by Mr. Carmac that the book committy be instructed to purchase a modern set of insaclopedias . This motion was seconded by Mrs. Wise and upon vote of the board was carried .

Mr. Switzer was authorized to secure the coal necessary for next Winters supply .

Librarians monthly report was received . approved and ordered filed .

No further business coming before the board the meeting was adjourned .

  
Beverley Bunce, acting Secty.

May 9, 1944

The Webb City Library Board met tonight in regular session at 7:00 in the Library building. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Daugherty gave the Treasurer's Report which was as follows:

Balance on hand	\$1,739.07
Balance year ago	1,355.56
Taxes for April	13.83
Expense	280.19

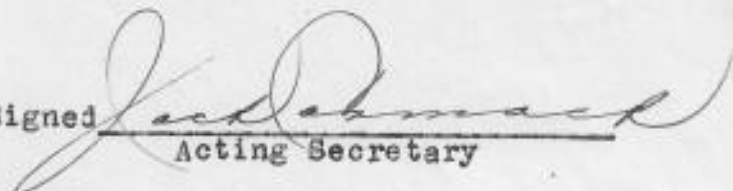
Mr. Switzer reported that the sign on the front of the building cost \$45.00.

Jack Carmack was appointed by the President to make a further investigation in the matter of coal for the Library. His report to be given at the next meeting.

Motion made by Mrs. Daugherty and seconded by Jack Carmack that the rental books be extended from three to five days; motion carried.

The Librarians report was read and approved. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Signed

  
Acting Secretary

Webb City, Missouri  
June 13, 1944

The library board met at 7 P.M. in monthly session. Members present were Mrs. W.C. Ball, Mrs. Lee A. Daugherty, Mrs. Hal M. Wise, Miss Olive Gilmer, and Jack Carmack.

Mrs. Daugherty presented a financial statement that showed a balance of \$1994.09 after the May expenditure of \$205.19 had been paid. The May tax receipts for the library amounted to \$34.60. A comparison of the fund for the years of 1943 and 1944 was read. The balance for June 1943 was \$1585.21 and that of 1944 was \$1994.09 which is an increase of \$408.88 over 1943.

Mr. Carmack reported that he had been investigating the purchase of coal. He found ~~that~~ that fuel is being managed by the Federal Government and that the local dealer could not guarantee the type of coal that he can furnish. After some informal discussion, it was mutually agreed that Mr. Carmack should use his judgment in ordering the winter supply.

In the matter of board reorganization, Beverly Bunce was elected president, Mrs. W.C. Ball was re-elected vice president, and Miss Olive Gilmer was re-elected secretary.

Mr. Carmack presented a motion to re-elect Miss Florence Helm librarian with a \$5 monthly increase in salary. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wise. It carried unanimously.

Mrs. Daugherty made the motion to re-elect D.D. Watson custodian. Mrs. Wise seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

  
Secretary