

Webb City, Missouri  
January 13, 1953

The library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. in the library. The following members were present: Mrs. B.C.Aylor, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Mrs. J.M.Hirons, Olive Gilmer, and E.R.Switzer.

In the absence of Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Aylor, vice president presided.


The financial report was read by Olive Gilmer as follows:

Balance December-31,-1952-----	\$5381.89
Expense December 1952-----	295.25
Balance December 1951-----	4403.32

Mrs. Baldrige asked for the privilege of ordering several magazines that are much in demand. She explained that college students are using the library more than they formerly used it and that many calls are made for magazines that are not on the subscription list. A motion was made by Mr. Switzer and seconded by Mrs. Watson that this privilege be extended to Mrs. Baldrige. The motion carried.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly reports of November( no meeting was held in December) and December. The interesting item of the reports was the accession of a number of new books.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Hirons and seconded by Mrs. Watson.

  
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Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri  
Feb. 10, 1953

The members of the library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. in the library. All members were present, namely: Mrs. W.C. Ball, Mrs. B.C. Aylor, Mrs. J.M. Hirons, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Olive Gilmer, E.R. Switzer, Hal M. Wise, Jr., Louis Burris, and Jack Carmack.

Mrs. Ball presided.

The matter of setting aside 10% of 1952 revenue was discussed. In January 1952 \$578 was set aside with the idea of having a building or repair fund. This amount represented 10% of the 1951 income. Several expensive repairs are anticipated in the near future, among which is a new roof. Board members realize that the building is growing old and that emergency repairs may be needed anytime. In view of such facts the board by mutual agreement decided to set aside 10% of the 1952 revenue. Since the actual amount of revenue was not definitely known, a record of the amount will have to be made at a later date.

Mr. Carmack presented a financial report as follows:

Balance January 31, 1953-----	\$6928.33
Expense January 1953-----	\$348.53
Balance January 1952-----	\$5553.36

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report. New books, especially juvenile books, was the interesting item. The motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Burris and seconded by Mr. Carmack.

Mrs. Baldrige stated that she had been investigating the price of some new magazines through a Joplin agency, but thus far had not made an order.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Aylor and seconded by Mrs. Watson.

\*\*\*\* Olive Gilmer  
Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri  
March 10, 1953

The library board met at 7p.m. in the library. The following members were present: Mrs.W.C.Ball, Mrs.B.C.Aylor, Mrs.Ray E.Watson, Mrs.J.M. Hiron, Olive Gilmer, E.R.Switzer, Hal M. Wise,Jr., and Louis Burris.

Mrs. Ball, the president, presided.

Mr.Burris read the financial report as follows:

Balance --Feb.28, 1953-----	\$6793.59
Expense --Feb. 1953-----	\$359.84
Balance --Feb. 1952 -----	\$4559.03

The matter of roof repair was discussed by Mr. Burris. He said that he had tried to secure and cost estimates from a number of roofing companies but had not been too successful. The only bid was from Ray Merideth of the Webb City Sheet Metal Company. Mr. Merideth had offered to do the work for \$450. However, Mr. Burris explained that other work should be done aside from roof work. The drain pipes need attention, and the metal work on the roof will need touching up. All of this will be extra expense. The idea prevailed among board members that a thoroughly good and complete job should be done. Accordingly, Mr. Wise made the motion that the contract be given to Mr. Merideth and that the extra work be done also. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Aylor. It carried unanimously. Mrs. Ball then instructed Mr. Burris to direct the work. Mr. Burris, in accepting the responsibility, suggested that the expense of the project be deducted from the general fund.

The idea of new floor covering was informally discussed. All members of the board were of the opinion that the present covering is in very bad condition and that anew one should be provided. Since noone knew much about the the kind needed nor the general prices, no action was taken. Mrs. Ball suggested that Mr. Burris might get some information about the matter.

Mrs Hiron called attention to the letter that the State Library Association has sent to library board members of the state relative to a bill in the State Legislature to increase state library appropriation. All members of the local board realize the importance of the bill. Mr. Switzer made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Aylor, that the secretary write a letter to Max Myers, Chairman of the House Appropriation Committee, urging him to support the bill. It was also decided that a copy be sent to Mr. John T. Skelton, Box 324, Independence, Missouri., who is chairman of the state library committee. Both letters were to be signed by each member of the Webb City Board.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report. Anoteworthy item was the accession of 19 adult books and 39 juvenile. The motion to accept the report was made by Mrs. Watson and seconded by Mrs. Hiron.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Watson and seconded by Mrs. Hiron.

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Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri  
April 14, 1953

The library board met at 7:00 p.m. in the library. The following members were present: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. B. G. Aylor, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Lewis Burris, Jack Carmack.

Mrs. Ball, the president, presided.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Carmack read the financial report as follows:

March 31, 1953	balance	\$6,445.39
Expense for March		314.20
March 31, 1952	balance	3,890.53

Bids for the new floor covering were read. The average bid was around \$1,600.00 and after much discussion Mr. Burris suggested to wait for things to cost less.

The librarian read the monthly report. The motion to accept the report was made by Mrs. Aylor and seconded by Mr. Carmack.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Watson and seconded by Mrs. Aylor.

*Marie Baldridge*  
Secretary Pro-tem

Webb City, Missouri  
May 12, 1953

The library board met at 7:00 p.m. in the library. The following members were present: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. B. C. Aylor, Mrs. J. M. Hirona, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, and Jack Carmack.

Mrs. W. C. Ball, the president, presided.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Carmack read the financial report as follows:

April 28, 1953	Maintenance Fund	\$1,273.89
April, 1953	Balance	5,527.00
Expense of April		1,012.24
April, 1952	Balance	3,622.38

It was reported the roof and drains were all finished, the cost being \$498.00.

No report was given on the insurance program to pay premium each year.

A discussion was held as to increasing insurance on contents and decreasing on building, to be investigated a suggested figure was \$15,000 on building and \$6,000 on contents.

The librarian read the monthly report. Mr. Carmack moved the report be accepted, Mrs. Aylor seconded, voted and carried.

There being no further business, Mrs. Watson moved we adjourn, Mr. Carmack seconded, voted and carried.

*Merie Baldridge*  
Secretary Pro-tem

Webb City, Missouri  
June 23, 1953

The city library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. in the library. The following members were present: Mrs.W.C.Ball, Mrs.B.C. Aylor, Mrs.Ray E..Watson, Mrs.J.M.Hirons, Olive Gilmer,Jack Carmack, and Louis Burris.

Mrs. Ball presided.

Mr. Carmack presented the following financial report.

Balance, May 31, 1953	-----	\$4926.73
Expense for May 1953	-----	\$777.31
Balance May 31, 1952	-----	\$3355.72

The subject of insurance was presented by Mr. Burris. He reported that the premium on one policy is due this year. In his discussion he brought out the fact that at the present time the insurance on the library is quite inadequate. He said that recently he had consulted W.W.Waggoner, a local insurance man about the matter. Mr. Waggoner later inspected the library and its contents and suggested a plan whereby the building and its contents could be insured for \$28000. Under the present plan the heavy part of the premium comes due in the same year. Mr. Waggoner suggested that an annual payment of \$227.48 as premium be paid three consecutive years. Each policy would run a period of five years. This plan insures the building for \$15000 and the contents for \$6000. By adopting the consecutive payment plan, Mr. Waggoner said that in the future the board could take an additional policy of \$7000, \$5000 on the building and \$2000 on the contents. By so doing the building would be insured for \$20000 and the contents for \$8000. Mr. Burris, in his discussion, said he thought the board should work toward a plan of more security and he believed Mr. Waggoner's suggestion worthy of consideration.

The idea seemed feasible to board members, and a motion was made by Mrs. Aylor and seconded by Mr. Carmack to adopt Mr. Waggoner's plan. It carried unanimously.

Mrs. Baldrige reported that the Missouri State Library Board would like to establish a book mobile unit in Jasper County and that Webb City is regarded as a logical center. In such case a storage room would be needed and the south basement room of the library could serve very well. The local board informally approved the use of the room.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly and annual reports. The motion to accept each was made by Mr. Carmack and seconded by Mrs. Aylor. It carried.

Since this meeting concluded the library year of 1952-1953, officers were elected for the ensuing year. Upon the motion of Mr. Burris to re-elect the present staff and a second by Mrs. Hirons, the following were named:

President-----Mrs. W.C.Ball  
Vice President-----Mrs. B.C.Aylor  
Treasurer -----Jack Carmack  
Secretary-----Olive Gilmer

A motion was made by Mr. Carmack to re-elect Mrs. Baldrige as librarian. The second was made by Mr. Burris. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Watson and seconded by Mr. Carmack.

\*\*\*\**Olive Gilmer*-----  
Olive Gilmer, Secretary



