

Webb City, Missouri
Jan. 10, 1955

The 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. May E. Watson, Olive Gilmer, Louis Burris, Jack Carmack, and John Bentley.

Mrs. Ball presided.

Mr. Carmack presented a financial report as follows:

Balance Dec. 31, 1954	-----	\$6227.41
Expense Dec. 1954	-----	\$398.99
Balance Dec. 31, 1953	-----	\$5412.48
Maintenance Fund	-----	\$1838.72

In order to retain the maintenance fund it has been customary since its creation to set aside 10% of the annual library income. To this end Mr. Burris made the motion that 10% of the balance Jan. 1, 1955 (or \$622.74) be transferred to the maintenance fund. It was seconded by Mrs. Aylor. The motion carried.

Mr. Burris suggested that the club room of the library and the hall leading to it should be covered with asphalt tile. All members present agreed that the work should be done. Accordingly Mrs. Ball instructed Mr. Burris to investigate the cost of the project and use his judgment about having it done.

It was suggested that chairs are needed, but no action was taken concerning the purchase of them.

Mr. Burris suggested that a complete report of the 1954 library finance be made in order that a 1955 budget may be set up.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which showed the accession of 27 adult books and 9 juveniles. The motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Carmack and seconded by Mrs. Watson.

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

Olive Gilmer

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
Feb. 8, 1955

The library board met in monthly session at 7P.M. in the library. The following members were in attendance: Mrs. W.C. Ball, Mrs. J.M. Hirons, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Olive Gilmer, Louis Burris, and John Bentley.

Mrs. Ball presided.

In the absence of Mr. Carmack, Mr. Burris presented the following financial report.

Jan. 31, 1955 Balance-----	\$7552.69
January expense-----	\$372.32
Feb. 4, 1955 Maintenance Fund----	\$2460.72
Jan. 31, 1954 Balance-----	\$6143.56

Mr. Bentley presented an itemized statement of all expenses of the library for the year of 1954. It is an unusually fine piece of work and quite informative. Each member expressed his appreciation to Mr. Bentley. From it the board was able to approximate the expense of the present year.

Mr. Burris made the motion that the librarian be allowed \$1000 for the purchase of books during 1955. The second was made by Mrs. Hirons. The motion carried.

The matter of the tile covering for the basement club room was informally discussed. Mr. Burris explained that two bids for the project were submitted. The Dooley Roofing Company submitted a bid of \$630 for C grade asphalt tile and repair of the floor. The Stines Construction Company submitted a bid to do the work with C grade asphalt tile, patch all cracks before laying it for \$435.

The committee in charge of the project gave the contract to the Stines Construction Company. However, they selected a better grade of tile with the understanding that the price would be slightly more than the original contract stated. At the time of the meeting the price had not been ascertained.

All members of the board expressed their appreciation to the committee for their work.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report. The motion to accept it was made by Mrs. Watson and seconded by Mrs. Hirons.

Mrs. Watson made the motion for adjournment, after which the board members agreed to visit the club room and see the new tile floor. The second was made by Mr. Bentley.

Olive Gilmer

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
March 8, 1955

The library board met in monthly session at 7p.m. in the library. The members present were: Mrs. W.C. Ball, Mrs. B.C. Aylor, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, ^{Mr. J. M. H. ...} Olive Gilmer, E.R. Switzer, John Bentley, and Jack Carmack. ^

Mrs. Ball presided.

No financial report was available. Mr. Carmack explained that the city clerk had sent him a report of a previous month and that he (Mr. Carmack) did not discover the mistake in time to call for correction.

Mr. Bentley reported that he had inquired at the Joplin library concerning the matter of the Joplin Daily Globe subscription and learned that the library pays for it.

The complete cost of the tile floor covering of the basement club room was reported as \$445.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which showed the accession of 13 adult and 29 juvenile books. The motion to accept the report was made by Mrs. Aylor and seconded by Mr. Carmack.

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

Olive Gilmer

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
April 12, 1955

The library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. in the library. Members present were: Mrs. W.C. Ball, Mrs. B.C. Aylor, Mrs. J.M. Hirons, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Olive Gilmer, and John Bentley.

Mrs. Ball presided.

The financial statement was read as follows:

Feb. 28, 1955 balance-----	\$6240.13
Expense-----	\$1493.50
Feb. 28, 1954-----	\$5425.96

March 31, 1955-----	\$5891.46
Expense-----	\$456.72
March 31, 1954 -----	\$5019.24

An informal discussion about the crack in the front portico was held. The opinion prevailed that the crack is a result of the building's settling. Mr. Bentley said that he believed the only method of repairing the crevice would be to fill it with sand and cement. The matter was left to the judgment of the building committee .

Mrs. Baldrige asked that she might be given the privilege of purchasing new World Books. The motion to grant the request was made by Mrs. Hirons and seconded by Mr. Bentley. It carried unanimously.

The monthly report was read by Mrs. Baldrige. The interesting item was the accession of 21 adult books and 6 juvenile.

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

Olive Gilmer

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
May 10, 1955

The library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. in the library. Members present were: Mrs. w.c. Ball, Mrs. B.C. Aylor, Mrs. J.M. Hiron, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Olive Gilmer, and Jack Carmack.

Mrs. Ball presided.

Mr. Carmack presented the financial report as follows:

Balance-April 30, 1955-----	\$5629.36
Expense- April 1955-----	\$402.02
Balance- April 30, 1954-----	\$4497.47

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which showed the accession of 18 adult books and 24 juveniles. The motion to accept the report was made by Mrs. Aylor, and seconded by Mrs. Watson.

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

Olive Gilmer
Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
July 12, 1955

The library board met at 7P.M. in the library with the following members present: Mrs.W.C.Ball, Mrs. J.M. Hirons, Mrs. B.C. Aylor, Mrs. Ray E.Watson, Olive Gilmer, E.R.Switzer, Louis Burris, and Jack Carmack.

The meeting was a postponed session because of the fact that several members were absent from the city in June and a quorum did not appear likely.

Mrs. Ball presided.

Mrs. Baldrigeread the monthly report, also the 40th annual report. Both reports showed distinctive marks of progress. The motion to accept the reports was made by Mrs. Aylor and seconded by Mrs. Hirons. The motion carried.

A committee of R.L.Patten, Wesley Day, Dr.Earl E.Baker, and William Waggoner from the Daris Schalk Post of the American Legion appeared before the board to present an American flag to the library. Mr. atten made the presentation. Mrs. Ball gave the speech of acceptance. The board then requested the secretary to write a letter of appreciation to the Post in care of Dr. Baker.

On the matter of insurance adjustment from the damage done to the roof of the building by the recent hailstorm, it was decided to place the fund in the city library account.

Since this meeting concluded the library year of 1954-1955, the election of officers was held. Upon the motion of Mrs. Watson a second by Mr. Switzer the present choir of officers was unanimously re-elected as follows:

Mrs.Ball -----president
Mrs. Aylor-----vice president
Olive Gilmer-----secretary
Jack Carmack -----treasurer

Mrs. Baldrige was unanimously re-elected as librarian. Upon the motion of Mr. Switzer and second by Mr. Carmack her salary was placed at \$175 per month. This represented an increase of \$25 per month and was made retroactive to May 1, 1955.

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

Olive Gilmer

Olive Gilmer, secretary

Webb City, Missouri
Oct. 11, 1955

The library board met in monthly session at 7P.M. in the library with the following members in attendance: Mrs. W.C. Ball, Mrs. B.C. Aylor, Mrs. J.M. Hirons, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, and Olive Gilmer.

Mrs. Ball, president, presided.

Because of the absence of Mr. Carmack, no financial report was available.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which showed a goodly addition of new books to the shelves during the summer months. The motion to accept the report was made by Mrs. Hirons and seconded by Mrs. Aylor

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

Olive Gilmer

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

