

2006, AUGUST 18, MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE EAST HAMPTON HELD AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE LIBRARY

The chairman of the board, Tom Twomey, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Present: Cary, Chapman, Cromack, Dayton, Epstein, Furlaud, Hunting, Kelleher, Kennedy, Lebwith, Livera, Mercer, Parker, Ross, Scheerer and Twomey. Sheila Rogers was present, Steve Boerner who is working in the Long Island Room, and also Joan Osborne and Eleanor Ratsep. Absent: Collins, Davison, Ferrin, Hitchcock, and Niggles.

The July minutes were accepted with one correction; Isabel Furlaud was present.

Treasurer's Report: Through July of 2006:

Total Revenues of:	\$1,326,722
Operating Expenses of:	\$ 788,644
Operating Surplus of:	\$ 538,078 (vs. budget of \$500,600)
Surplus after Capital Items:	\$ 477,730

Stuart Epstein also added that we are in great shape for this year and we will be receiving the auditor's report for 2005 soon.

A motion was passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Director's Report: Diana Dayton introduced Steve Boerner who has been going through the Gardiner collection and has given Diana a 17 page record of the books which were requisitioned from Rose Hill with the bill being paid by the Robert Goelets. He reported that some of the books had mold. He suggested that we should get a rare book specialist to appraise the books that were in good condition and have professionals conserve them. 10 trunks were gone through and now we have all the daybooks. We should also find some local historians who can add to our knowledge about the Gardiner family. Mr.Boerner said that he will give us disaster guidelines for the Long Island Collection which include getting a generator and vacuuming the gutters.

One of our staff members, Alistaire Baker, is leaving to further his education and Kate Galecka, a computer technician, is returning, for a while, to help out. A cleaning service has been hired for three days a week and will clean out the gutters in the fall. Sheila Dunlop has been ill with pneumonia and had to stay home for a while. Diana informed the board about a library service called Tutor .Com and Live Homework Help offered by SCLS for grades 4 through 12 and available in Spanish. It would be available to students from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and would cost \$4500 a year.It could hook up with the schools and raise the library profile. A motion was passed to pilot the program and evaluate it after one year.

Special Events: Howard Lebwith reported that 50 people attended the “Art of Justice” evening and 80 people attended the Frederick Karl biography night.

Building and Grounds: LIPA and Ram Electric will be starting this week installing our new transformer. Two benches have been donated in memory of Kate Cameron.

Horticulture Room: A motion was passed to adopt the mission statement and policy of the Horticulture Committee and to use the Library of Congress method in cataloguing the books.

Novel Night: Sheila Rogers reported that 390 people attended the event with 21 dinners being given and 25 authors as speakers. \$92,000 was raised compared to \$55,000 from last year. The date of August 11th has been chosen for next year and it was suggested that each board member ask 5 people to be a host for a dinner.

The next meeting will be held on September 15th at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Barbara H. Scheerer, Secretary