

LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES - JANUARY 5, 1970

8:00 P.M.

Present were Frances Dick, Irma Matthew, Bob Rice, Meg Smith, Walt Smith, and Helen Marks. The minutes of the meeting of December 2 were approved as read. December bills were checked and approved.

REPORTS

Circulation 1969 4,539 (19 rentals) 1968 4,897  
Magazines: 424  
Records: 223

Meetings held in meeting room: 38

Reference questions: 130

Fines: \$181.19 Nonresident fees: \$6.00

Copying Machine: \$41.05

New Fiction: 20

Weeded: 25

OLD BUSINESS

Library policy: Members discussed the preliminary version of a policy statement prepared by Dr. Rice. He will continue to develop it.

Music center: Installation should be completed this week, and the center should be ready for operation as soon as tapes are available.

Book purchasing: Members discussed the necessity of employing book-buying techniques that will permit full utilization of the amount budgeted for books. Board members agreed that best sellers should be purchased direct for placement on the rental shelf while they are at the peak of their popularity. Under the present ordering system, many of these books have lost their reader appeal by the time they arrive.

Book drop: A preliminary estimate from Mr. Jones indicates that the cost may be from \$35 to \$50.

Board assignments: Mrs. Dick has assigned the following areas of responsibility to Board members: County liaison, Meg Smith; building, Dr. Rice; book selection, Walt Smith. *Irma Matthew*

Repainting meeting room: Before this can be done, Mrs. Marks will have the roofer check his repair job to make certain that there have been no further leaks.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from State library: Members discussed Mr. Scott's evaluative comments, particularly in the areas of circulation, number of volumes in the collection, weeding, and book selection.

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