

Jan. 3. 1898. No Quorum.

Regular Meeting Feb. 7th. 1898.

Called to order at 7.30

Present Mess. Lovell - Boyer - Grant & Gernance

Voted To allow Miss Stanley the privilege of taking inventory of the library, instead of the committee devoting Feb. 11th. to that purpose.

Voted to adjourn -

J. C. Gernance  
Secy.

Regular Meeting - March 7th. 1898.

Present Mess. Lovell - Boyer - Drennan - Beggs - Corbin - Gernance -

Voted To accept report of secretary and adopt the same -

Voted To ask an appropriation of \$1800.00 and the dog fund for the coming fiscal year -

Voted To elect Miss Stanley as librarian

Salary \$1000.00

Voted To buy list of 14 books (fourteen) submitted by librarian.

Voted To adjourn -

J. C. Gernance  
Secy.

Annual Meeting of the Library Committee,  
in Public Library room, April 12<sup>th</sup> 1898, 7:30 P.M.

Members of the Library Committee-

For three years.

John B. Drennan,  
Cary C. Bradford,  
Henry B. Montague

For two years.

William G. Reed,  
Alexis Boyer, Jr.  
Fred E. Corbin.

For One Year.

Clement Begin,  
George Grant,  
George M. Lovell.

The meeting was called to order by Geo. M. Lovell. Messrs  
Lovell, Drennan, Boyer, Corbin, Grant, Bradford, Begin and  
Montague were present.

The records of the last regular meeting were read and  
approved. The committee was then duly organized by  
the election of George M. Lovell, Chairman and Henry  
B. Montague, Secretary, both elections by ballot.

A book committee, was also elected by ballot, as follows.

Messrs. Corbin, Grant and Boyer.

The following <sup>sub</sup>committees were also duly elected.

Library Committee.

Messrs Drennan, Bradford and Begin.

Executive Committee.

Messrs Lovell, Corbin and Boyer.

Finance Committee.

Messrs Reed, Grant and Montague

It was voted that the Book Committee bring in a list  
of books on Monday evening, April 18<sup>th</sup> next.

Also voted to allow Miss Harriet H. Stanley, Librarian,  
leave of absence for the month of June, next.

Voted to adjourn to Monday evening, April 18, 1898,  
at 7:30 P.M. in the same place.

Henry B. Montague  
Secy.

Adjourned meeting of the Library Committee in the Public Library room, April 15<sup>th</sup> 1898 at 7:30 P.M. Messrs Corbin, Drennan, Boyer, Lorrell and Montague were present.

The Book Committee reported a list of books and recommended that they be purchased. Voted accordingly. Also voted to subscribe for the magazine "Current History" and to procure the volumes already issued.

Voted, to purchase the New England Genealogical Register.

Voted, to authorize Miss Stanley to attend to any exchanges of the history of Southbridge, by Amundson, with towns for their local histories, also to attend to the binding of any volumes <sup>of said history</sup> as yet unbound whenever it became necessary.

Voted to adjourn.

Henry B. Montague

Secy.

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Committee was held in the Public Library room, May 2<sup>d</sup> 1898, at 7:30 P.M.

Messrs Lorrell, Bradford, Boyer, Grant, Corbin and Drennan present. Fr. Drennan was chosen Secretary pro-tem owing to the absence of Mr. Montague.

Voted, to purchase new edition of Chambers' Encyclopaedia in 10 volumes, for \$40.

Voted, to join the Library Art Club, and to pay \$5. for the annual subscription.

Mr. Boyer moved to table the question of purchase of the "Library of the World's Best Literature."

Motion was carried.

Voted to adjourn.

John B. Drennan.  
Secy pro tem.

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Committee was held at the Public Library room, Monday evening June 6<sup>th</sup> 1898, at 7:30 o'clock.

Messrs Lovell, Bradford, Boyer, Corbin and Montague were present.

Upon the motion of Dr. Bradford, it was voted that the Book Committee be instructed to bring in a list of books and to purchase such of the books of the list and any others added thereto, as ~~should~~ they should see fit.

It was agreed to hold no regular meetings until the regular monthly meeting in September.

Meeting dissolved.

J. B. Montague,

Secretary.

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Committee was held in the Public Library Room, Monday evening, September 12<sup>th</sup> 1898, at 7:30 o'clock.

Messrs Lovell, Ornnan, Boyer, Corbin and Montague were present. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Corbin it was voted to purchase the cheapest edition of the "Warner" Library for \$65. from the Mynott fund.

Upon motion of Mr. Corbin, voted to purchase a revolving book case, not to exceed \$20. in cost and the Secretary was instructed to purchase same.

Also voted, that a closet be constructed in the ante-room.

Voted, that the Librarian be authorized to demand references from parties about to draw books whenever she may deem it best.

Voted, to ascertain from the Worcester Society of Antiquity whether we can purchase the 11 volumes not in this library or whether we can sell to advantage the four volumes we now have.

Voted, to purchase list of books submitted by Book Committee.

Meeting dissolved.

H. B. Montague, Secretary.

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Committee was held October 3<sup>d</sup> 1898, in the Library Room at 7:30 o'clock. Present Messrs Lovell, Boyer, Corbin and Montague. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Voted, to open the Library rooms, for readers only, on Sundays from November first to April first, from 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon until eight, and that the Librarian be paid One Dollar per Sunday for her services and attendance.

Voted, that the Sunday editions of the New York Herald, the Boston Herald, and Worcester Spy be purchased for the reading room.

Voted, that the matter of the Worcester Society of Antiquity be laid on the table.

Voted, that the Librarian act as purchasing agent for the magazines and periodicals for the coming year.

Voted to dissolve.

Henry B. Montague, Secy.

A special meeting of the Library Committee was held October 31, 1898, in the Library Rooms, at 7:30 o'clock. Present, Messrs - Orennan, Lovell, Boyer, Grant and Corbin. Mr. Orennan was made Secretary pro tem in absence of the Secretary.

Voted, to dispense with reading of minutes of last meeting.

Voted, that the "New York Herald" be substituted for the "New York Tribune" and "New York Sun."

Voted, to substitute the "Boston Evening Globe" for the "Worcester Evening Gazette."

Voted, to substitute the "Boston Sunday Globe" for the "Boston Sunday Herald."

Voted, to add the builder's edition of the "Scientific American."

Voted, that the "Missionary Review" and "Biblical World" be dropped.

Voted, to take magazine "Recreation" one year.

Voted, to accept the present magazine list with the corrections voted this evening.

Voted, that the matter of the French magazine be laid on the table.

Voted, to accept list of 25 books compiled by  
Miss Stanley.

Voted, to purchase six chairs for the Library.  
Meeting dissolved.

J. B. Drennan,

Secretary pro tem.

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The regular monthly meeting for November was dispensed with,  
all business being transacted at the special meeting  
held October 31<sup>st</sup> 1898.

Henry B. Montague,

Secretary.

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Committee  
was held at the Public Library room, on Monday evening,  
December 5<sup>th</sup> 1898, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present, Messrs Lovell, Boyer, Corbin, Grant & Montague.  
Minutes of last special meeting were read  
and approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Corbin it was voted to  
purchase and lay a linoleum upon the Library  
floor. The quality according to samples submitted  
to be that sold for \$1.35 per yard, the cost in no  
event to exceed One hundred dollars, and  
the purchase and laying to be attended to by  
the Executive Committee.

Voted, that we subscribe for the French magazine  
"Modern World" for one year.

Voted to purchase the book "Story of Cuba"  
at lowest price whether of agent or otherwise.

Meeting dissolved.

Henry B. Montague,  
Secretary.