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January 13, 1969

The Expansion Committee of the Athens Regional Library Board met at the National Bank of Athens on January 13, 1969 at 3:30 p.m.

Present were Troutman Wilson, Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Chairman of the Library Board, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors, Dr. T.J. Harrold, Lauren Goldsmith, Architect, Mrs. Mary Nikos, Interiors Designer and Sarah Maret.

It was noted by Mr. Wilson that the Georgia Natural Gas Company had given \$8,000.00 to the library on January 7, the money to be used as the committee wished in the new building. How the money could be best used was discussed. After some discussion it was noted that an elevator would cost \$4,835. It was moved by Mr. Wilson that the elevator be substituted for the book lift and that the \$4,835 be set aside for this purpose. Motion seconded by Dr. Harrold. Motion carried. Mr. Wilson said that he would write to Mr. Hugh Logan, Chairman of the Clarke County Commissioners advising him that the committee voted to reinstate the elevator in the plans.

The architect said that other items which had been taken out of the specifications might now be reinstated since some of the money set up in the construction budget had not been used: \$4,000 could be used for landscaping, \$4,700 might be used for paving.

Dr. Harrold, chairman of the committee to secure gifts for the library, asked that he be furnished with a list of things which would be needed in the new building. Mrs. Nikos said she would furnish him with such a list.

Mrs. Mendenhall said that she would like to see some new members added to the board. Several names were suggested. These were: Hal Cofer, Wayne Edwards, John Hurley and Bascoe Jackson.

Miss Maret called attention to the expiration dates of several board members' terms. A letter should be written to the Mayor and Council asking that these members be reappointed.

Mrs. Nikos was asked to discuss plans for the interior of the library. She showed a drawing of the interior of the library with the furniture lay-out. Swatches of material were used on the drawings to show the color patterns to be used. She showed pictures of the furniture to be used and all agreed that she had designed a very attractive interior.

Paul E. Trout
Secretary

February 13, 1969

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday afternoon, February 13, 1969 at 5 o'clock.

Members present were, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Marvin Perry, Miss Natalie Boccock, Mrs. Robert Stephens, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors, Uly Gunn and Sarah Maret.

Chairman Mendenhall called the meeting to order. Minutes of the October 16 meeting were approved as read. A summary report of the meetings which had been held by the expansion committee was given by the secretary.

The Chairman reported that Mrs. George Boyd had an oil painting of the historic Strahan House on the University campus which she had offered to give to the library. The board was told by Miss Maret that the library had a portfolio of water color paintings of homes and scenes in Athens which had been given to the library a number of years ago by some members of the Athens Art Association. The members of the board expressed interest in having the picture of the Strahan House for the new library to go with the Athens pictures which the library already owned.

Due to the absence of several of the board who were out of town, the Chairman said that some committee reports would not be given at this time. She called on Mr. Perry, Chairman of the committee to plan programs for the new building. He reported that he had been unable to have a meeting, prior to this board meeting, but that several ideas were being explored for interesting programs to be held in the new facility. He said that he had mailed letters to his committee outlining the purpose of

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the committee and asking them to be thinking of appropriate activities. Among these were: art exhibits, musical programs, children's programs and talks. He also pointed out that careful consideration should be given when groups ask to sponsor programs in the new building. Caution should be exercised in what was sponsored by the library.

A note from the Dunlap family was passed for the board to read. The Chairman pointed out that three board members' terms had expired. These were: Mr. Wilson and Mr. Milner whose term expired on January 7, 1969 and Mr. Wier whose term expired on February 7, 1969. She said that she would write to the Mayor and Council and recommend that they be reappointed to the board. She also wished to have the board recommend three new members to be appointed by the Mayor and Council. These were Howard Stroud, 874 Waters St., John T. Hurley, 237 N. Church and H.L. Cofer, Jr., 160 Hunnicut Drive. This met with the approval of the members of the board. The Director reported that the Executive Board had met on December 13 and had voted to give a salary supplement to the staff in December. This was in accordance with what had been done in previous years. Mr. Gunn moved that the board approve the action of the Executive Committee. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Neighbors. Motion carried.

Miss Maret reported that the budget for the year had been prepared and had been presented to the Executive Board at its meeting. In the budget was included a small increase in salary for the locally paid staff members. The budget had included an increase of \$5,000 each from both the Clarke County Commissioners and the City of Athens. The Athens appropriation check for January had been received and it reflected this increase.

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There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Paul E. Hunt
Secretary

April 15, 1969

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Regional Library on Tuesday, April 15, 1969 at 5 p.m.

Present were: Clarke County--Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Troutman Wilson, Archie Patterson, W.W. Wier, Miss Natalie Boccock, Howard Stroud, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors and Sarah Maret. Oglethorpe County--Mrs. W.G. Callaway. No representatives were present from Madison County and Oconee County. Also present was Lauren Goldsmith, architect for the new library building.

Mrs. Mendenhall, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order. She welcomed the members and guests present. A new member, Howard Stroud, was introduced. She read a telegram from John T. Hurley, another new member of the board expressing regrets that he was unable to attend due to an out-of-town meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Letters from A.G. Smith, Clerk of Council, City of Athens were read. These noted that new members added to the board for five year terms were Hal Cofer, Jr., John T. Hurley and Howard Stroud. Terms to run until March 4, 1974 and members reappointed to the board were Troutman Wilson and Thomas H. Milner, Jr. with terms running to January 4, 1974 and W.W. Wier with term ending February 7, 1974. A letter from Mrs. Della Bone expressing appreciation for flowers sent her when she was in the hospital was read.

Mr. Goldsmith reported that the new library building was about one month behind schedule, and that the contract dated

October 1, 1968 allowed 275 days for completion of the building. He said that the building is now about 50% complete and that the brick work was being done. He thought that about two weeks could be made up in the construction work. He presented for approval the plaque which is to be used in the building. Mr. Wilson moved that the plaque be approved after Miss Maret and the Clarke County Commissioners look over it and give their approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Stroud. Motion carried.

The Chairman announced that she has appointed Mrs. Neighbors chairman of Special Programs to be instigated when the new facility is occupied. Serving with Mrs. Neighbors will be Mr. Perry, Mrs. Dudley, Mr. Patterson, Miss Boccock, Mr. Stroud and Miss Browning.

The director reported that a shipment of chairs for the auditorium had arrived. After talking with the architect, the interiors consultant, and a representative of Millers (the company furnishing the chairs) she had stored them at the Jackson Street storage building. Mr. Goldsmith pointed out that the chairs might rust, since they had been dampened when moved. It was suggested that they be unpacked and stacked after being dried off. (Note: The director called Millers the day after the meeting and talked with their agent. He said that they would be all right and to leave them in the packing cases and that he would assume any damage to them.)

Mr. Wilson moved that we notify Dr. and Mrs. Green that we would vacate the Dunbar Library building on September 1 and that we notify Mr. Gunn that we would vacate the Jackson Street building on October 1. He pointed out that this would give them time to

seek another renter. Neighbors seconded motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Wier and Miss Maret explained a program whereby the state would pay the salary and travel of an additional person to work half-time in the library, provided we could get a cooperative agreement with another region or county, and that this person would spend half-time in the other region or county. Mrs. Neighbors moved that we approve the program and seek the region or county with whom we might share a person. Miss Maret suggested that we first approach Elbert County. Motion was seconded by Mr. Stroud. Motion carried.

The chairman appointed the grounds committee. Hal Cofer, Jr., was named chairman. Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. James and Mrs. Fuller were appointed to serve with him.

It was pointed out that if the new library furniture arrived too soon, it would present a problem as to where to store it. Mr. Stroud suggested that we contact the Superintendent of Schools and that they might allow the library to place furniture in one of the schools.

Mr. Wier moved that if the building were not completed as rapidly as was expected that the date be changed for vacating the Dunbar Library to October 1 and the Jackson Street Building to November 1. Mr. Patterson seconded motion. Motion carried.

Miss Maret said that the air conditioning unit in one of the rooms in the children's department had worn out and that something should be done before summer. She was instructed to get an adequate unit for this room.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Frank E. Dant
Secretary

August 26, 1969

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional on Tuesday afternoon, August 26, 1969 at 4:30 o'clock.

Board members present were Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall, Miss Natalie Bocock, Troutman Wilson, Miss Janette Browning, Hal Cofer, Jr., John T.Hurley, Mrs. J.B.Neighbors, Howard Stroud, Thomas J.Harrold and Sarah Maret. Also present were Mrs. Jerry Pope, Miss Ann Buxton and Mrs. Page Riesbol.

Chairman Mendenhall called the meeting to order, welcomed all members and gave a special welcome to new members who were attending their first board meeting.

Mrs. Pope, children's librarian, was called on for a report. She reported that the Vacation Reading Club was the biggest the library has ever sponsored and that 1811 children have registered for the club, this being the largest enrollment registered for this activity in the library's history. Although no count thus far has been made of the number who have completed the requirements for a certificate, she said that a great number had completed reading 25 books and that many had read 50 books thus entitling them to a "special prize" of a goldfish and a bowl being given by Mr. Brogan of Woolworths at Beechwood. This last award is something new added this year and has encouraged many children to continue reading to qualify for it.

Miss Buxton was called on next to give a bookmobile report. She told of the services given by the bookmobile to the residents of the Athens area. She reported that the present bookmobiles were getting old, one having been purchased in 1949 and the other in 1957, and that a new unit was needed. Mr. Earl Daye, a representative of the Gerstanslager Company, a company which specializes in building bookmobile bodies, visited the library in July to discuss the purchase of a new bookmobile. Miss Maret said that \$13,696.10 is now available in the bookmobile replacement fund for the purchase of a new unit and that this would cover the cost of a new body. A chassis would need to be bought. Mr. Ivy of Ivy Truck Sales had reported to the director that the 1949 bookmobile should sell for \$200 to \$300. This amount could be applied to the cost of a new unit. Approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000 should be all that would be needed in addition to what is on hand to purchase a new bookmobile.

The chairman appointed a committee composed of Dr. Harrold, Mr. Milner, Miss Maret and Miss Buxton to work on the purchase of a new bookmobile. It was moved by Mr. Wilson that this committee be given power to act. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hurley. Motion carried. Letters asking for bids on furnishing the chassis should be sent to Trussell Ford, Inc., University Chevrolet Co., J.Swanton Ivy, Inc., of Athens, Comer Motor Company of Comer, Johnson Ford Sales and Brooks Motor Company of Crawford. Miss Maret reported that it would take some six months to get the bookmobile after the order is placed.

Mrs. Page Riesbol, newly appointed chairman of the committee to plan programs which the library might sponsor in the new building, reported next. Preceding the opening of the library a ribbon cutting ceremony is planned. During the opening month an art exhibit by local artists is to be held. Other programs suggested were a puppet show by Aunt Lollipop, Christmas carols presented by outstanding choral groups in the city, an illustrated talk by Porter Kellam on his collection of books, THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, a workshop on making Christmas tree decorations, Herbert Bridges' talk and display on GONE WITH THE WIND, and a talk on how to do genealogical research. She stressed the importance of centering programs around interest groups. The chairman asked Mr. Stroud to work with Mrs. Riesbol on the carol program at Christmas time. The chairman also said the dedication of the new building would be held after Christmas. On the committee to work with the Special Programs Committee are Mrs. Neighbors on general plans, Mr. Perry, Mrs. Dudley, Mr. Patterson, Miss Bocock and Miss Browning. The board expressed their approval and appreciation of the plans submitted. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Correspondence was read. Included was a letter from Mr. Wilson to Mr. Jim Holland, County Engineer, asking him to get the trees on the new library grounds trimmed. A letter from Mrs. O.P. Norcross asking that the board members join the Georgia Library Trustees Association was read. Dues are .50¢ per member. It was moved by Mr. Hurley and seconded by Mr. Stroud that the members of the board join the Association and that the dues be paid from the library treasury. Motion was carried. Mrs. Mendenhall is a member of state committee to set up standards and goals for improving public library service. She reported on having attended a meeting of this committee in Atlanta on August 8. She also reported that Miss Maret is Chairman of the State Board for the Certification of Librarians. Representative Robert G. Stephens had written the director that the House of Representative had passed the bill providing full funding for the Library Services and Construction Act. It would go to the Senate next. A letter from A.G. Smith, Clerk of City Council, was read. He reported that Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Marvin Perry, Mrs. Robert Stephens, Jr., Mrs. B. Neighbors and Uly S. Gunn were reelected to the library for a term of five years, beginning June 6, 1969. Mr. W.A. Muller, Director of the Elbert County Library, wrote asking that some arrangements be made whereby residents of Elbert County and the Athens area (Clarke, Oconee, Oglethorpe and Madison Counties) could have a reciprocal agreement on the use of both libraries. It was moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Harrold that such an agreement be worked out by the director and Mr. Muller. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson moved that the library be closed for as long as necessary during its moving into its new quarters. Miss Browning seconded motion. Motion carried.

Disposition of the unneeded furniture from the present building when the library moves was discussed. It was agreed that all of the presently owned furniture and fixtures which could be used in the new building be retained and that the library be completely

settled before disposing of anything. A committee composed of Mrs. Neighbors, Miss Browning and Miss Maret was appointed to dispose of any unneeded furniture and fixtures. The chairman was to serve with this committee. The committee was given the power to act.

cleaner

A vacuum/for use in the new building was discussed. Dr. Harrold suggested that a cleaner be purchased after consulting with representatives from the companies which furnish industrial cleaners.

Miss Maret told of the Julie Beth Antenen Fund, a memorial fund set up by her family after her death. This fund is for the purchase of children's books. A number of contributions have been received by the library for this fund.

Chairman Mendenhall gave a progress report on the grounds at the new building site. Hal Cofer is working with this committee.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Bauw & Maret
Secretary

September 19, 1969

The Expansion Committee of the Athens Regional Library met at the First National Bank of Athens on Friday, September 19, 1969 at 3 p.m. Present were, Chairman Troutman Wilson, Board Chairman Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall, W.W.Wier, Mrs. J.B.Neighbors, Miss Maret and Lauren Goldsmith.

Expansion Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order. Mr. Goldsmith was called on to give a report. He said the library had approximately \$9,000.00 to spend and asked that the committee decide how to spend this money and in what order. After some discussion it was recommended that the surplus be allocated as follows: 1. Graphics - \$2,000, 2. Landscaping - \$2,200, 3. Book Return box - \$800 3. Paving - \$2,000 4. Additional items for inside library - \$2,000.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson that the surplus be spent in this way. Motion was seconded by Mr. Wier. Motion carried.

It was noted that the above amount includes the \$8,000.00 which was given to the library by the gas company.

*Rauh & Maret
Secretary*

November 24, 1969

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the new library building on Monday, November 24, 1969 at 4 p.m.

Present were: Oconee County, Mrs. Hussey Downs, Mrs. A.R. Saxon, Mrs. Grady Oakes and Mrs. Roland Harris. Madison County, Mrs. G.W. Langford and Mrs. H.J. Whitehead. Oglethorpe County, Mrs. W.G. Callaway. Clarke County, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, W.W. Wier, Mrs. John Wilkins III, Marvin Perry, Uly Gunn, Miss Natalie Bocock, Clinton Adams, A.C. Patterson, Hal Cofer, Troutman Wilson, Thomas H. Milner, Jr., John T. Hurley, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors and Miss Janette Browning. Also present were Mrs. Page Riesbol, Wayne Bates, Lauren Goldsmith and Sarah Maret.

Chairman Mendenhall called the meeting to order and welcomed board members and guests. Each person was introduced.

The Chairman called on members from the several counties to tell something of the activities carried on in the participating libraries. Mrs. Downs reported that a very successful reading club had been conducted in Oconee County and that a series of book reviews under the sponsorship of the library were being published in the county newspaper. She said that plans were being made to have a display of children's art shown in the library in the future. Mrs. Langford reported that the Madison County Library would soon move into its new quarters in the multi-purpose building now under construction and that they were looking forward to having better facilities in their county. Mrs. Callaway reported that a successful reading club had been conducted in the Oglethorpe County Library.

Mr. Wayne Bates, a graduate student in ceramics at the University of Georgia, was called on next. He said he would like to design and make ceramic pieces to place in the new building and on the grounds. He said that this activity would be his graduate project. He was very complimentary of the new building and he was most interested in using the library as the beginning point for his designs. He said that the pieces which he made would be free to the library and would be displayed in the building and on the grounds and would become the property of the library if it was the wish of the board. He would make models and drawings for approval before they were placed in the building and on the grounds. The University Art Department would furnish the materials and there would be no cost involved for the library. Mr. Wilson moved that Mr. Bates be thanked for his offer and that the board accept it subject to committee approval and that he be notified of the action taken. Motion seconded by Mr. Gunn. Motion carried.

Mrs. Riesbol reported next on the ribbon cutting ceremony which is being planned for the opening of the library. She said that this would be a simple occasion and would be a signal to the public that the library was open to give service. Mr. Milner suggested that Mrs. Marjorie Wilkins Daugherty be invited to any

activities which the library has. Mrs. Riesbol said that a Christmas tree was planned as well as an art exhibit and a carols program. Also an exhibit of Mr. Kellam's collection of A NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS books was planned. Mrs. Wilkins was appointed as chairman of the Christmas tree committee. Mrs. Neighbors and Mr. Cofer were asked to serve with her

Mr. Lauren Goldsmith, architect for the new building, was introduced and was given a rising vote of thanks for the good work he had done as architect for the new facility. He reported that only a small number of items called for in the contract with the Terry Development Corporation remained to be done, and that 10% of the payments to Terry would be withheld until all items are completed. Part of the shrubs in the landscaping will have to be replaced, he said. Also, he recommended that the carpet be accepted as it now is and that the board accept the carpeting in the staff lounge as compensation for what was not liked in the carpet on the main floor. The carpeting in the lounge cost some \$400.00. Mr. Wilson moved that the recommendation of the architect be approved. Motion seconded by Mrs. Neighbors. Motion carried. The Chairman expressed appreciation to the architect for a job well done. Mr. Goldsmith explained the use of graphics or signs to be used throughout the building.

The Chairman suggested that letters of appreciation be written to the County Commissioners and the city fathers for their support of the building program.

The Chairman reported that a plaque would be placed in the building in honor of Mr. Grady in whose honor the gas company contributed \$8,000.00

The Chairman reported that the Athens Garden Club Council had voted to give \$500.00 to the library for a fragrance garden and that a committee would work with the board on this. Mr. Milner called attention to the need to coordinate all landscaping around the library. He moved that no landscaping be allowed without the approval of the landscape architect and the building architect. Motion seconded by Mr. Wier. Motion carried. A committee from the library should work with the committee from the Council.

Mr. Cofer, chairman of the grounds committee, reported that upon examination it was found that five trees in front of the building were in bad condition and that they were taken down. Two trees were allowed to remain. He said that the power lines detracted from the building, but that the power company had no plans to put them underground in this section of town. It was suggested that a letter be written to the power company asking them to reroute their lines in front of the building or to put them underground.

Mr. Wilson moved that the reading of the ^{minutes of} previous meeting be dispensed with. Motion seconded by Mr. Milner and carried.

Mr. Wier reported that the library had purchased two vacuum cleaners for use in the new building.

Mrs. Mendenhall reported that an order for a new bookmobile had been placed with the Gerstenslager Company and that it should be delivered in about six months. Ivy Truck Sales was the low bidder for the chassis.

The Director said that she wished to make a change in the loan period for books. This change would be to check out books for a period of four weeks with no renewals. Also she wished to charge 5¢ per day for overdue books. Mr. Milner moved that these changes be approved. Motion seconded by Mrs. Downs and carried.

Use of the library auditorium was discussed. Mr. Milner moved that the Executive Committee set up rules for its use. Motion seconded by Mr. Gunn and carried. It was suggested that all problems be decided by the Executive Committee.

matters → concerning the use of the auditorium

Mr. Wilson presented the budget which amounted to \$139,635.00. He moved that the budget be adopted. Mr. Milner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Gunn, chairman of the nominating committee presented the following slate of officers:

Chairman	W.W.Wier
Vice chairman	Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall
Treasurer	T.H.Milner, Jr.
Secretary	Sarah Maret

Mr. Cofer moved that the officers be elected as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Hurley and carried.

*Sarah E. Maret
Secretary*

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