

January 3-1950

The Board of directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library met in regular session Mr. Barr presiding.

The following members answered to roll call - Mr. Barr - Mrs. Manley - Mrs. Pendleton - Mr. Allen - Mr. Wilhelmi - Mr. Whipple and Miss Buckminster.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The librarians report showing cash collections amounting to \$157.70 was received and filed. Of this amount \$25.00 was a gift from Addie Mary Egbert. \$114.70 Duplicate Pay + 18.00 The uncalled for deposits which had been kept in a special fund was transferred to the Duplicate Pay fund after all persons had been notified.

Mr. Van Handel asked permission to give a report to the papers at this time instead of waiting till later. The request was granted.

A motion that the librarian be given permission to get out some form of information in regard to the library carried.

The bills for the month of December were allowed action being taken by roll call.

Harold G. Barr
President

Addie Buckminster
Secretary

uncalled for deposits

Annual Meeting.

January 7-1950

The 45th annual meeting of the Lawrence Free Public Library was called to order by the president Mr. Barr.

The following members answered to roll call - Mr. Barr - Mrs. Manley - Mrs. Pendleton - Mr. Allen - Mr. Wilhelmi and Miss Buckminster.

Mr. Barr announced that Mr. Wilhelmi and Mr. Barter had been reappointed by the mayor.

Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The Librarian gave a splendid report which included a brief history of the library. A motion was made and carried that this report be sent to the news papers.

Mr. Van Handel read the financial report. Moved that this report be sent to the mayor - carried.

The same officers were re-elected. Mr. Barr announced the committees would remain the same.

Adjourned

Harold L. Barr
President

February 7 - 1950

The Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library met in regular session Mr. Barr presiding.

The following members answered to roll call - Mr. Barr - Mrs. Manley - Mrs. Pendleton - Mr. Barber - Mr. Allen - Mr. Wilhelmi and Miss Buckminster.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The librarians report showing cash collections amounting to \$117.99. The Governor interest of \$150.00 had been received. Two hundred + sixteen children had attended the story hours for January.

Mr. Van Handel spoke of the old magazines - some of which were of little value and in poor condition. Most of them are on file at the university. It was moved and carried to dispose of them in such manner as approved by the library committee. Mr. Van Handel spoke of opening the childrens room in the P.M. in the summer. After some discussion it was decided not to open the childrens room in the P.M. during summer.

The following bills were allowed action being taken by roll call.

Adjourned

Margaret C. Manley
Vice President

Addie Buckminster
Secretary

March: 8-1950

The Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library met in regular session Mrs. Manley vice president presiding.

The following members answered to roll call - Mrs. Manley - Mrs. Pendleton - Mr. Allen - Mr. Barber and Miss Buckminster. Mr. Barr having been detained came later.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The librarians report showing cash collections amounting to \$131.90 - \$4.50 a gift, was accepted and filed.

Mr. Van Handel asked permission to dispose of the steel magazine stacks. The request was granted.

During the coal strike Jack reported we would be low on coal if the matter turned cold. Mr. Barber to the matter in hand and had arrangements made for more coal when the strike ended.

The bills of the month were allowed action being taken by roll call.

Adjourned

Wald Barr
President

Addie Buckminster
Secy

April 3 - 1950

The Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library met in regular session Mr. Barr presiding.

The following members answered to roll call - Mr. Barr - Mrs. Manley - Mrs. Pendleton - Mr. Allen - Mr. Wilhelm and Miss Buckminster.

There was one vacant chair. The one held by Mr. Whipple for thirty three years. The board will miss his wise council.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The librarians report showing cash collections amounting to \$119.45 and the Moore Interest of \$25.00 had been received. Also that the Junior High school had planted in the library yard a hard maple tree in memory of the late Mr. E. L. Novotny - superintendent of schools.

Moved by Mr. Wilhelm that resolutions on Mr. Whipple be written and a copy be sent to Mrs. Whipple. Also for Mr. Novotny a copy of which to be sent to the Junior high school - carried.

Mr. Martin of the First National Bank was suggested as a member of the board to take place left vacant by the death of Mr. Whipple.

Bills of the month were allowed action being taken by roll call.

Adjourned

Harold Barr
President

Addie Buckminster
Secy

May - 2 - 1950

The Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library met in regular session Mr. Barr presiding

The following members answered to roll call - Mr. Barr - Mrs. Manley - Mrs. Pendleton Mr. Barber - Mr. Wilhelmi and Miss Buckminster.

Minutes of the the last meeting were read and approved. The resolutions were read also.

The librarians report showing cash collections amounting to \$135.31 was received and filed. Mr. Van Handel reported Mr. Vandevanter would point up the building for \$364.00. He also gave a fine report of the district meeting at Baldwin which he and Miss Perkins attended.

Mr. Van Handel was authorized to purchase a new edition of the encyclopedia also the better quality of magazine covers.

Mr. Barr re-arranged the committees as follows

- Administration - Mrs. Pendleton - Mrs. Manley - Mr. Allen
- Library - Mrs. Manley - Mrs. Pendleton - Mr. Hankins
- Buildings + Grounds - Mr. Wilhelmi - Mr. Hankins + Miss B.
- Finance - Mr. Barber - Mr. Wilhelmi - Mr. Allen

Bills for the month were allowed action being taken by roll call.

Adjourned

Harold G. Barr
President

Addie Buckminster
Secretary

June - 6 - 1950

The Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Met in regular session Mr. Barr presiding.

The following members answered to roll call - Mr. Barr - Mrs. Mandry - Mrs. Pundleton - Mr. Barber - Mr. Allen - Mr. Hankins and Miss Buckminster.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The librarians report showing cash collections amounting to \$126.15 and interest from to Perkins - Edwards and Welch bonds amounting to \$37.50 was received and filed. Mr. Hankins told of relics left by Mr. Shipple. He wondered if the library would like them. This was left to the librarian. Mr. Van Handel thought that the University was the place for them.

Mr. Van Handel told of a club - The Ladies Literary League - who want to give Fifty dollars - \$50.00 toward a case for the childrens room. The Board voted to accept this generous gift.

Bills for the month amounting to \$1386.01 were allowed action being taken by roll call.

Mr. Barber - chairman of the finance committee presented the following budget which was accepted by the Board.

Salaries - Librarians -	10650.00	
Janitor	1620.00	
Others	600.00	\$12870.00
Books - Periodicals - Bind	3200.00	
Library Supplies	550.00	
Building Maintenance	2500.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	\$6350.00
		<u>\$19220.00</u>

Addie Buckminster
Secretary

Harold G. Barr, President

July - 5 - 1950

The Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library met in regular session Mr. Barr presiding.

The following members answered to roll call - Mr. Barr - Mrs. Manley - Mrs. Pendleton - Mr. Barber - Mr. Hankins and Miss Buckminster.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The librarians report showing cash collections amounting to \$104.94 - a gift from the Ladies Literary League of \$50.00 and the Governor interest \$50.00 was read and filed.

The Journal Guild offered their old files to the library. Moved the offer be rejected with thanks. Bills amounting to \$1977.55 were allowed action being taken by roll call.

Adjourned

Harold G. Barr
President

Addie Buckminster
Secretary

August - 2 - 1950

The Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library met in regular session Mr. Barr presiding.

The following members answered to roll call - Mr. Barr - Mrs. Manly - Mrs. Pendleton - Mr. Hankins and Miss Buckminster.

In the absence of Mr. Van Handel - Miss Carter acted as librarian.

With a correction in the Journal World offer the minutes were approved.

The librarians report showing cash collections amounting to \$82.48 was accepted and filed.

The magazine covers had arrived but being imperfect awaited Mr. Van Handel's decision.

Bills amounting to \$1173.59 were allowed action being taken by roll call.

Adjourned

Addie Buckminster

Harold G. Barr

September 5th 1950

The Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library met in regular session Mr. Barr presiding.

The following members answered to roll call - Mr. Barr - Mrs. Manley - Mrs. Pendleton - Mr. Barber - Mr. Hankins and Miss Buckminster.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Two magazine bids had been received. Miss Caldwell's bid was \$279.⁰⁰ and the Cordell Drug Store bid \$281.61. Miss Caldwell's bid being lower it was moved and carried or accept her bid.

Two coal bids were received. The McConell bid being \$9.29 and the Snider bid \$10.00. Moved and carried or give the order to McConell.

The Librarian's report showing cash collections amounting to \$80.40 and Insurance, fire damage to a motor \$39.55.

Mr. Van Handel told of a library meeting at Pratt - Kansas. He and Miss Damm planned to attend.

The bills for the month amounting to \$1837.56 were allowed action being taken by roll call.

Adjourned

Cedric Buckminster
Secretary

Harold G. Barr
President

October 3rd 1950.

The Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library met in regular session Mr. Barr presiding.

The following members answered to roll call - Mr. Barr - Mrs. Manley - Mrs. Pendleton - Mr. Hankins + Miss Buckminster
Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The librarians report showing cash collections amounting to \$93.55 was accepted. Mr. Van Handel gave an excellent report of the Library meeting at Pratt. The Board was very gratified at his being elected Vice President. It was an honor for the library and an honor and headache for Mr. Van Handel - for we know what ever he does he does well and that means work. Two story hours had been held with an attendance of 87.

Bill amounting to \$2021.53 was allowed action being taken by roll call.

Adjourned

Harold G. Barr

President

Addie Buckminster
Secretary

November 8th 1950

The Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library met in regular session - Mr. Barr presiding.

The following members answered to roll call - Mr. Barr - Mrs. Manly - Mrs. Pendleton - Mr. Wilhelmi and Miss Buckminster.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The librarian's report showing cash collections amounting to \$97.36 was accepted as read. Three story hours had been held 61 children attending.

Mr. Van Handel brought to the attention of the board the budget and the disposition of old magazines. After much discussion it was moved by Mr. Wilhelmi - seconded by Mrs. Manly that the librarian investigate and find out what the University would care to have so as to keep all valuable information accessible to the public.

Bills of the month amounting to \$1750.67 were allowed action being taken by roll call.

Adjourned

Harold G. Barr
President

Addie Buckminster
Secretary

December 5th 1950

The Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library met in regular session Mr. Barr presiding

The following members answered to roll call - Mr. Barr - Mrs. Manley - Mrs. Pendleton - Mr. Barber - Mr. Allen - Mr. Hankins and Miss Buckminster.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Librarian's report showing cash collections amounted to \$142.83. This included \$12.50 interest on the Perkins - Edwards and Welch bonds. The reported was accepted + filed

Mr. Van Handel reported that certain bound volumes of the old news papers had been given to the Kansas Historical Society. The University had not had time to check and find out what they could use but would do so later.

The bills for the month were ^{1564.43} allowed action being taken by roll call.

Adjourned

Varold G. Barr

President

Addie Buckminster

Secretary

The Kansas School of Religion
 At the University of Kansas
 Myers Hall
 Lawrence, Kansas

HAROLD G. BARR, Dean

December 21, 1950

BE IT RESOLVED:

By the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAWRENCE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, at a special meeting held on Thursday, December 21, 1950, that we express to MR. RALPH A. VAN HANDEL our deepest appreciation of his work with this Library during the past three and one-half years and our sincere regret that he feels called to accept another position:

1. The resignation of Mr. RALPH A VAN HANDEL as chief librarian of our Public Library was received and accepted with regret by every member of this board, the resignation being accepted only because we felt that Mr. VanHandel desired to accept what appears to him to be a greater opportunity and not in any sense because of any dissatisfaction with his work here; the resignation was not acceted at all until the board had thoroughly explored the possibility of making some offer to Mr. VanHandel which might induce him to stay in Lawrence.
2. Mr. VanHandel has done an outstanding piece of work with the Library at Lawrence during his brief tenure here. He has cooperated in a very gracious way with both the staff and the board. It would be impossible to have a more harmonious relationship between those working locally with the Library. In addition he has maintained the most cordial relations with the citizens, both the patrons of the Library and the members of the city government. He has taken a very active interest in the Library affairs of the state, attending and participating in the meetings of the Kansas Library Association. His work here has been recognized by his election as vice-president of the Association.
3. Many improvements in the operation of the Library and in its services to the community have been made under the direction of Mr. VanHandel. First, he organized the shelving of the books and magazines so that they were more accessible to the patrons and more convenient for the staff. A new and improved registration of patrons was made. New lighting as installed in all reading rooms. The magazines were given new shelving and new covers. Arrangement was made for interesting monthly displays.
4. Mr. VanHandel was constantly on the look-out for new ways in which the Library might serve the public. One of the most valuable of these was the introduction of the Great Books program.
5. Mr. VanHandel was always willing to take his share of the regular work of the library staff. While he has the ability to administer a Library, he does not try to shirk the routine duties of all staff members.
6. While the board is confident that the citizens generally will regret to see Mr. VanHandel leave Lawrence, we do desire to express to him our best wishes for his success in his new field.

December 21st 1950

A special meeting of the Board was called by the president Mr. Barr to act on the resignation of Mr. Van Handel.

All members - except Mr. Barber were present.

After much persuasion on the part of the Board and hearing Mr. Van Handel's reason for leaving it was moved by Mr. Hankins and seconded by Mr. Wilhelm that we accept - with regret - the resignation of Mr. Van Handel.

Moved that Mr. Barr be chairman of a special committee composed of Mrs. Pondleton and Mr. Allen to secure another librarian. Carried.

Adjourned

Harold G. Barr
President

Addie Buckminster
Secretary