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FRIENDS OF THE ROBBINS LIBRARY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

February 25, 1961

A group of about forty "friends" met in the catalog room of the library, on Saturday morning, February 25, 1961 at ten o'clock. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Spengler, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who greeted the group in behalf of the trustees and outlined the purpose of the meeting. She said it was hoped that those present would form a nucleus out of which might develop a larger group devoted to the objective of National Library Week - to work "For a better-read, better-informed America". She spoke of the library's plans for participating in the observance of this week and announced that the trustees had procured Emily Kimbrough and Cleveland Amory as speakers at an affair to be held at the Senior High School auditorium on Wednesday evening, April 12, 1961.

Mrs. Spengler also stated that the trustees had guaranteed the fees for the speakers, to be paid for out of a trust fund and said they had also decided to charge an entrance fee, because it had been demonstrated that people appreciate things more for which they have to pay. She asked for the assistance of the "friends" in promoting the sale of tickets and in publicity. Mrs. Spengler then introduced Mr. Washburn, who, she said, had agreed to serve as chairman of the affair.

Mr. Washburn proceeded to organize his committees. The following committees were set up:

Official Welcoming Committee

Norris H. Hoyt for Cleveland Amory
Mrs. C. J. Jacobs for Emily Kimbrough

The stage will be set up for autographing copies of the authors' books and these people will also assist in this activity.

Ticket Committee

Mr. Washburn - Mr. John W. Reilly

Ticket Takers

Laurence Wessells - John Reilly
Gayle Forbush - Chester Protheroe

Ushers

Mrs. G. Edward Wilkins (Head usher)	
Mrs. Virginia Thayer	- Miss M. K. Carter
Mrs. Grace Forbush	- Mrs. Andrew Magnus
Mrs. W. B. Henderson	- Mrs. Harvey Abbott
Mrs. Cynthia Tobey	- Mrs. Elizabeth Farley
Mrs. Albert Porteus	- Miss Eva Smith
	(volunteered as an extra)

Publicity Committee

Mrs. Mark W. Bradford	- Mrs. Hilda Brayton
Mrs. Roy Milley	- Mr. Robert Walsh

Treasurer

Mr. John W. Reilly

Various matters relating to the affair were discussed:

The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. to ticket holders, at 7:45 to non-ticket holders.

There will be a book display by New England News. Discount for books sold will go to the Friends of the Library.

300 seats will be held at back of hall until front seats filled. Seats will be reserved for the Friends of the Library in the front of the hall. They are asked to notify the committee how many will be in each party.

Suggestions were made as to the form a printed program might take. Profiles of speakers, Goals of National Library Week, Information about the Library? An application form indicating interest in the "Friends"

The question was raised as to whether or not some kind of decorations would be necessary.

The use of the police and custodians was discussed.

It was suggested that signs be put up to avoid confusion at the rear entrances.

Groups will be notified by letter of the affair and the availability of tickets.

A small reception is planned following the program.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Mrs. Edith Sanborn, Young People's Librarian gave an extremely interesting and informative talk on her work with the high school students.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Dorothy Hart

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Elizabeth J. Greeley (Mrs. Jas. P.)	35 Clarence Ave.
Bayle W. & Grace H. Toth	80 Pleasant St.
Mrs. J. A. Pierce	51 Jason St.
Mrs. Charles O'Brien	18 Grafton St.
E. T. Thorne	14 Mayflower Rd.
Mrs. W. B. Henderson	18 Lombard Rd.
Eva M. Smith	24 Kensington Rd.
Mrs. Theodore Heary	86 Columbia Rd.
Morris H. Hoyt	56 Florence Ave.
J. Jacobs	66 Elton Road
Mrs. Jacobs	66 Elton Road
Elizabeth H. Farley	324 Park Ave.
Grace H. Ashton	84 - Oakland Ave.
Ann Herrick	Windsor Lane
Dorothy P. Greene	46 Jean St.
Mrs. Andrew A. Magnus	23 Victoria Rd.
Mrs. G. Edw. Wilkins	23 Draper Rd.
Mrs. Harry O. Austin	15 Bartlett Ave.
Cynthia Tokey	36 Fox Meadow Lane
Marion Savio	17 Robbins Rd.
Virginia Shays	11 Puritan Pl.

Cittenden, February 15, 1961

Hulda Brayton

Ruth Milley (Mrs. Roy) 37 Golden Ave.

Mae Porteus (Mrs. Allet R) 38 Frost St.

Bert A. Raene 23 Maple St.

Mary K. Carter 14 Aerial St.

ROBERT B. WALSH 89 Dow Ave.

John W. Reilly 29 Coolidge Rd.

Hazel C Abbott 70 Ridge St

Bob - Jay Mahoney - 76 Cleveland St -