

The regular monthly meeting and the adjourned annual meeting of the Directors of the Eau Claire Public Library were jointly held at the Library room on Monday, August 25th, 1902, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The following directors were present: President Starr, presiding; Directors, Frawley, Bullen, Lockwood, Ingram, Cotten, and the newly appointed directors, Charles L. Allen and Lewis Halvorsen.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

President Starr made a full verbal report regarding the negotiations in the matter of the Hinrichs' site for a Carnegie Library Building, and the secretary read the contract with Hinrichs which is as follows:

Whereas, the Board of Directors of the Eau Claire Public Library of the city of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, duly selected for and as the site of a library building, to be constructed by the donation and gift of the Hon. Andrew Carnegie, heretofore proffered by him in the sum of forty thousand dollars, and accepted by said city, the real estate hereinafter described, and,

Whereas, the offer in writing dated May 7th, 1902, of the undersigned Henry Hinrichs to sell said real estate, hereinafter described, to the said city of

Eau Claire, for the sum of seven thousand dollars, on said seventh day of May, 1902, was duly accepted by a resolution, in writing, duly adopted by the Board of Directors, of the Free Public Library of said city of Eau Claire, and the President and Secretary of said Board were duly authorized and directed in and by said resolution of acceptance of said offer to make and enter into a formal contract with the said Henry Hinrichs for the purchase from him in said city of the real estate hereinafter described, upon the terms designated in his said offer which was by said resolution of said board duly accepted:

NOW THEREFORE, THIS AGREEMENT, dated this 29th day of May, 1902, by and between said Henry Hinrichs, of the City of Eau Claire, County of Eau Claire, State of Wisconsin, party of the first part, and the said City of Eau Claire, a municipal corporation, in said county and state, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the second part hereby agrees and binds itself to purchase from said party of the first part, his heirs and assigns, for the sum of seven thousand dollars, as the purchase money, the following described real estate, situated in the County of Eau Claire and State of Wisconsin, to wit: Lots six (6) seven (7) and eight (8) in block twenty (20), in the recorded plat of

the Village of Eau Claire, in the City of Eau Claire aforesaid, reserving unto said Henry Hinrichs the right to remove the buildings now on said premises within a reasonable time after the said acceptance of the said offer of said Henry Hinrichs, on the terms mentioned in said offer and said acceptance.

Said party of the first part does hereby agree to make, execute and deliver to said city of Eau Claire a good and sufficient warranty deed of said premises conveying to said city a good title to said premises, free and clear of all liens and incumbrances, and prior to the execution and delivery of said deed and on or before August 9th, 1902, to remove from said premises the buildings now thereon.

That a copy of said offer of said Henry Hinrichs is hereto annexed, marked "Exhibit A" and is hereby made a part of this contract.

That it is the intention of this contract, anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, to fully carry out, the provisions and requirements of said acceptance of said offer.

Henry Hinrichs (Seal)

In Duplicate.

The Board of Directors
of the Eau Claire Public
Library of the City
of Eau Claire, Wisconsin,
for and in behalf
of said city. (Seal)

By William J. Starr, President
of said Board,
and C. W. Lockwood, Secretary
of said Board.

"EXHIBIT A"

To the City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and
 To the Board of Directors of Eau Claire
 Free Public Library:

I hereby propose
 and offer to sell and convey to you by good warranty
 deed Lots Nos. six, seven and eight in Block number
 twenty (20) of the Village of Eau Claire, now a part
 of the city of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, for the sum
 of seven thousand dollars, I do reserve the buildings
 on said premises, with the right to remove the same
 within a reasonable time after the acceptance of
 this offer.

(Signed) H. Hinrichs.

Dated, Eau Claire, Wis., May 7th, 1902.

In presence of.

"EXHIBIT B"

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREE PUBLIC
 LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN:

That this Board selects for and as the site for
 the Library Building, to be constructed by the dona-
 tion and gift of Hon. Andrew Carnegie, heretofore
 proffered by him and accepted by said City, lots 6,
 7, and 8, in block 20, of the Village, now the City
 of Eau Claire, in said city of Eau Claire. aforesaid.

And that the offer of Mr. Henry Hinrichs to sell said lots aforesaid to the city of Eau Claire, for the sum of seven thousand dollars, be accepted and that the President and Secretary of this Board make and enter into a formal contract with Mr. Hinrichs for the purchase of said lots aforesaid upon the terms designated in his said offer and hereby accepted.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the President and Secretary of this Board, be, and they are hereby, directed to immediately report and certify to the common council of the said city, the action of this Board in so selecting and purchasing said site aforesaid, for and as the site for the Public Library Building of said city.

The president further reported that J. C. Gores and Mayor Rowe were soliciting contributions from various citizens, the proceeds of which were to be applied in reducing the price to the city of the Hinrichs site.

The secretary then read the annual report of President Starr to the common council and on motion of Director Cotten seconded by Director Ingram, the report was approved.

On account of the absence of Miss Biscoe, the Librarian, her annual report was not at hand.

The Board then proceeded to the election of of-

ficers for the ensuing year.

On motion of Director Bullen seconded by Director Ingram, the secretary was authorized to cast the ballot of those present for William J. Starr as president of the Board. The secretary reported that the ballot had been cast as directed and Mr. Starr was declared duly elected.

On motion of Director Bullen seconded by Director Ingram, the secretary was authorized to cast the ballot of those present for F. H. L. Cotten as vice-president of the Board. The secretary reported that the ballot had been cast as directed and Mr. Cotten was declared duly elected.

On motion of Director Bullen seconded by Director Ingram, the president was authorized to cast the ballot of those present for C. W. Lockwood as secretary for the ensuing year. The president reported that Mr. Lockwood had received the entire ballot of those present and was duly elected.

On motion of Director Ingram seconded by Director Bullen, it was voted to retain Miss Ellen D. Biscoe as Librarian for the ensuing year at the same salary.

The president announced the following committees:
 On Library: Frawley, Putnam, and ^{Lockwood} Cotten. On Rooms:
 Cotten, Gross, and Halvorsen. On Finance: Bullen,
 Ingram, and Allen.

On motion of Director Cotten seconded by Director Halvorsen, the following bills were approved and ordered paid:

John Anderson Pub. Co.,		\$37.50.
Telegram Publishing Co.,		3.50.
E. D. Biscoe	(July pay)	75.00.
J. F. Hoyt,	(July pay)	41.67.
M. E. Coffin,	(July pay)	30.00.
L. Radensleben,	(July pay)	12.00.
Funk & Wagnalls,		3.00.
University of Chicago Press,		2.00.
E. D. Biscoe,	(August pay)	75.00.
J. F. Hoyt,	(August pay)	41.67.
M. E. Coffin,	(August pay)	30.00.
L. Radensleben,	(August pay)	12.00.
Harrigan & Son,		2.75.
E. C. Book & Stationery Co.,		1.40.
F. Blackwell,		9.00.
F. Blackwell,		17.95.

The lease of the Children's Room expiring September 23rd, 1902, was referred to the room committee with power to act.

Adjuined

Robert M. [unclear]