

Case Claire Wisconsin Sept 15th 1902
 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Case
 Claire Public Library.

Pursuant to call of William J. Starr as President
 of the Board of Directors of the Case Claire Public Library,
 a special meeting was held in the Library room in
 the Ingram Block, Case Claire, Wisconsin, on the evening
 of September 15th 1902. The meeting was called to
 order by President Starr at eight o'clock. The follow-
 ing Directors were present: Mrs Putnam, Miss Starr,
 Allen, Halvorson, Ingram, Frawley, Bullen & Cotten.

By consent of all the Directors present the meeting
 adjourned to the office of S. W. Wilcox in the same building.

The minutes of the meeting held Aug 25th 1902,
 were read and approved.

Director Cotten, as Chairman of the Committee
 on Rooms reported that the Committee was unable
 to arrange for re-renting the Children's room in
 the Burgar building, the same having been leased
 to Mr. James Hall for restaurant purposes for a
 period of five years. The Committee also reported
 that it had arranged with Mr. Hall to occupy the
 front room of the building now occupied by him, and
 which is located on the rear end of the lot known
 as the "Reed Property", and occupied by Mr. Hall
 as a restaurant, at the rental of \$10.00 per month.

The Committee reported this to be a verbal arran-
 -gement with Mr. Hall, being unable to obtain
 a lease from him for the reason that he could not
 procure one from Mrs. Reed, his arrangement with
 her being also a verbal one. Mr. Hall, by reason of
 our concession in allowing him to enter the Children's
 Room in the Burgar building and begin making
 the necessary alterations to accomodate his
 business before the date of the expiration of our
 lease, agreed to let us have the use of the new
 room free until October 1st, at which date the
 rental is to begin. On motion of Director Frawley,
 seconded by Director Bullen, the action of the Room
 Committee was approved and the Committee autho-
 -rized to act on all questions coming up regarding
 the new Children's Room, such as furnishing and
 properly equipping it, including the purchase of

Stoves and other necessary paraphernalia, for library use, and was also authorized to sell the wood now on hand and to rent the surplus chairs if deemed advisable.

The following opinion by Jas. Wickham, City Attorney, regarding the title to the Henry Hinrichs property, was read by the Secretary:

Eau Claire, Wis. Sept. 15, 1902.

To the Board of Directors of the Eau Claire Public Library
Gentlemen:-

I have examined abstracts of title of Lots 6, 7 and 8 of Block 20 of the Village of Eau Claire. These abstracts show that Henry Hinrichs is the owner of this property and has a good title thereto. I am satisfied from the examination I have made, that his title is good and is free and clear of all liens and incumbrances.

I have also examined form of deed to be executed by Mr Hinrichs to the City of Eau Claire, and the two accompanying resolutions to be passed by the Board, one accepting the deed, and the other providing for a report to be made to the Common Council of the City. I am of the opinion that all these papers are sufficient in form and substance.

Very truly yours,

James Wickham

City Attorney.

The contract entered into by the Board of Directors of the Eau Claire Public Library with Mr Henry Hinrichs, and executed by both parties thereto on the 29th day of May, 1902, was then read.

A communication from Mr Henry Hinrichs, dated Sept. 5, 1902, addressed to the City of Eau Claire, the Board of Directors of the Eau Claire Public Library of same city, the President thereof, the Common Council of said city, the Mayor and City Clerk thereof, and to each of them, reciting the facts of the purchase by the Board or Directors from him of Lots 6, 7 and 8 in Block 20, of the Village of Eau Claire, now part of the City of Eau Claire, in the County of Eau Claire and State of Wisconsin, and stating that he had left with the City Clerk of said city his Warranty Deed for delivery upon payment to him of the

purchase price of said real estate, was read by the Secretary, together with the original proposition made by Mr Henrich and the acceptance of the same by resolution on the part of the Board of Directors of the Eau Claire Public Library.

After considerable discussion by the Directors and consultation with Mr Wickham, City Attorney, the Board acted upon the advice of the City Attorney and the following Resolution was introduced:

"Resolved by the Board of Directors of the Eau Claire Public Library, that the tender of the deed of Henry Henrichs this day made, be and the same is hereby accepted as being in full compliance with the contract for the purchase of a site for the Library building heretofore made, which said contract so made is hereby confirmed."

On motion of Director Frawley, seconded by Directors Ingram and Mrs Putnam, the resolution was adopted, all the Directors present voting "Aye" with the exception of Director Allen who voted "No."

The members of the Board of Directors then discussed the propriety of passing a further resolution notifying the Mayor and Common Council of the completion of the contract entered into between the Board of Directors of the Eau Claire Public Library and Mr Henry Henrichs, as herein before mentioned, and of the tender of the deed by him. There was some difference of opinion as to the necessity of passing any further Resolution on this subject. The City Attorney was again called upon for advice and stated that while he considered the contract and purchase of the property valid and binding in every way, that to avoid further delay it would be advisable to pass some kind of a resolution notifying the city authorities that the purchase of the library site from Mr Henrichs had been completed according to contract. Thereupon the following Resolution was introduced:

"Resolved by the Board of Directors of the Eau Claire Public Library,

That said Board of Directors shall forthwith

report to the Common Council of the City of Eau Claire,

First: That this Board has duly selected, for the city of Eau Claire, as a site for the library building to be constructed by the donation and gift of Hon. Andrew Carnegie, heretofore proffered by him and accepted by said city, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots six (6), seven (7) and eight (8), in Block twenty (20), in the plat of The Village of Eau Claire, as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of said Eau Claire County, in the State of Wisconsin, said real estate being situated in the second ward of said city.

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Third: That this Board has this day duly accepted, in pursuance of said contract of purchase, the tender of a good and sufficient deed to said city of said real estate, as being in full compliance with said contract of purchase, which said deed is with the City Clerk of said city, to be delivered upon payment, to the grantor therein named, the purchase price thereof, to-wit: the sum of seven thousand dollars, to the payment of which amount said grantor in said deed is now entitled.

Second: That this Board has contracted for the purchase of said site for the sum of seven thousand dollars, which is the amount required to pay for such site.

Fourth: That this Board recommends to the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of said city of Eau Claire, to make provisions for the payment of the purchase price of said real estate in the manner provided by law.

After considerable discussion a motion was made by Director Frawley and seconded by Director Ingram, that the resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Director Allen, and seconded by Director Halvorson, to lay the resolution on the table. Vote was taken on this motion and resulted as follows: Directors Allen, Bullen and Halvorson voting in favor of the motion and Directors Mrs. Petnam and Messrs. Starr, Ingram, Frawley and Coiter voting against the motion.

The President declared the motion to lay the

resolution on the table lost. A vote was then taken on the original motion and the resolution was adopted, five Directors, Mrs Putnam, Messrs Starr, Ingram, Frawley and Cullen voting in favor of its adoption, and three Directors, Messrs Allen, Bullen and Halvorson, voting against its adoption.

The annual report of the librarian, Miss Ellen D. Biscoe, was read by her and on motion of Director Bullen, seconded by Director Allen, the report was adopted and ordered incorporated in the report of the Board of Directors to the City Council, and also printed in the Library Report.

The report of W. K. Coffin, as Chairman of the Finance Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1902, was then read and on motion of Director Bullen, seconded by Director Allen, the report was adopted and ordered incorporated in the report of the Board of Directors to the City Council, and printed in the annual report of the library.

On motion of Director Allen, the librarian was authorized to make the necessary arrangements, such as hiring janitrees, purchasing fuel and incurring such other expenses as are necessary to properly conduct the branch library in the Ninth ward. The librarian stated that the expense would probably not exceed \$25.00 or \$30.00.

On motion of Director Frawley, seconded by Director Mrs Putnam, the librarian was authorized to employ some one to assist Miss Radensteln in the Children's Room, the compensation for such assistance not to exceed \$5.00 per month.

Directors Ingram and Halvorson then withdrew, being excused by the President.

The librarian made a statement to the Board regarding the present system of cleaning the rooms, stating that the floor of the library room had been, in the past, scrubbed about once in every three or four weeks at a cost of \$2.00 each time. The librarian also stated that much time of the assistants in the library was taken up in dusting and cleaning the furniture, books, etc., in the library rooms, and recommended the employment of a janitress to do such work in both the

main library and the Children's Room.

On motion of Mrs. Putnam, seconded by Mr. Allen, the librarian was authorized to employ a janitress to do the work mentioned, the compensation not to exceed \$10.00 per month.

The following bills, all of which had been approved by the librarian, were read:

Freight bill, C. & P. M. & O. Ry. (P.A. Harrigan Dr)	1.40
Democratic Printing Co., Madison Wis	
Bill of August 27, 1902	1.20
Drs. Forges & Co., Milwaukee Wis	
Invoice of August 27 th 1902 Books	48.30
Invoice of September 4 th 1902 Books	.80
Fred Blackwell, rebinding books and magazines	
Invoice of July 9 th	9.00
Invoice of August 16 th	17.90
Invoice of September 4 th	12.80
Eau Claire Book & Stationery Co.	
Invoice of July 16 th	11.40
Invoice of August 9 th	10.43
Invoice of " 22 nd	14.20
Invoice of " 29 th	14.98
Invoice of September 6 th	77.95

On motion of Director Allen, seconded by Director Frawley, the foregoing bills were allowed and the secretary directed to draw orders in payment therefor.

No further business appearing, the meeting on motion of Mr. Bullen, seconded by Mrs. Putnam adjourned.

J. H. Cotten
Secretary Pro Tem

*Forgoing
Minutes
Approved
Oct 27-1902*