

Jan. 3, 1928.

The board of trustees of the Elwood Public Library met in regular session with the following members present, — Mr. Clyde, Miss Cox, Mrs. Armfield, Mrs. Cobb, Dr. Brown, and Mr. Boston.

The secretary's report was read by Miss Cox and accepted.

An art exhibit given under the auspices of the Department Club in the Club room down stairs, was announced for the week of February 6th.

Bills for the amount of \$365.36 were read. It was moved by Mr. Boston and seconded by Dr. Brown that the bills be allowed. The motion carried.

Miss Johnston's report showed a decided increase in circulation for December.

A discussion concerning an extension of grounds followed. Mr. Boston, Dr. Brown and Mrs. Armfield were appointed as a committee to investigate conditions, and ways and means.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Margaret Dickerson, sec.

Feb. 7, 1928.

The board of trustees of the Elwood Public Library met February 7th, with the following members present, - Mrs. Clyde, Mrs. King, Mr. Coble, Mr. Boston and Miss Dickerson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Dr. Brown's bond as treasurer having expired, it was moved by Mr. Boston and seconded by Mr. Coble that the bond be renewed. The motion carried.

Many visitors are expected to visit the art exhibit downstairs, during the coming week. The pictures are the work of Mrs. Leota Williams Loop, a former Elwood girl. The exhibit is under the auspices of the Department Club.

Bills to the amount of \$342.22 were read and allowed.

Miss Johnston's report showed a gain in circulation of 595 over the previous month. It was moved that the report be received and made a part of the record.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Margaret Dickerson, Sec.

Mar. 6, 1928.

The board of trustees of the Elwood Public Library met March the sixth, with the following members present, - Mrs. King, Mrs. Clyde, Mr. Coble, Mr. Gooding, Dr. Brown, Miss Cox, and Miss Dickerson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Miss Johnston read a letter from the Library Bureau concerning some defective chairs furnished by the Bureau. The board endorsed Miss Johnston's letter in which she asked that the defective parts in the old chairs be replaced, the library to pay the freight both ways.

Miss Johnston reported that some repairs on windows and floors were needed. It was moved by Miss Cox and seconded by Miss Dickerson that the matter be left with the building committee. The motion carried. The librarian also spoke about the yard needing grass seed. It was suggested that Miss Johnston get the seed and have Mr. Knight sow it.

The librarian's report was read. Bill amounting to \$343.40 were allowed.

The secretary treasurer's report was given as follows, -

Certificate of deposit Elwood State Bank July 3/26	\$ 789.57
Interest on deposit to Jan. 10/27	15.29
Total balance on hand	804.86

Turned to petty cash account  
by order of the Board Directors  
to pay for painting by Steele  
\$325.00

Bal. Jan. 10/27 certificate deposit \$480.36  
Interest on certificate to Jan 10/28 19.21  
Bal. Jan. 1928 Certificate deposit #499.57  
H. M. Brown, sec.

There being no further bus-  
iness the meeting adjourned.  
Margaret Dickerson, sec.

Apr. 3, 1928.

The board of trustees of the  
Elwood Public Library met  
with the following members  
present, — Mr. Clyde, Mrs. Young,  
Dr. Brown, Mrs. A. Armfield,  
and Miss Dickerson.

The minutes of the previous  
meeting were read and approved.  
Miss Johnston reported that  
the matter of the chairs was  
adjudged satisfactorily by the  
company agreeing to furnish  
the chairs, and the freight  
to be paid by the library.

The needed repairs on the  
library have been made by  
Frank Harbet. It was moved  
by Dr. Brown and seconded by  
Mrs. Armfield that Mr. Whitman  
be given the contract of  
cleaning and varnishing the  
floors. The motion carried.

Mrs. Armfield reported  
that the library could get  
property west of the library  
for \$5000 and that the Elwood  
State Bank <sup>Elwood</sup> with Mr. Arm-  
field as buyer will finance  
the deal. It was moved by  
Mrs. Armfield and seconded  
by Dr. Brown that this  
deal be put through. The  
motion carried.

Mr. Clyde presented Mr.  
Knight's resignation to be ef-  
fective May 1st. The resignation  
was accepted.

Bills for the amount of \$333.43 were allowed.  
Miss Johnston's report showed 13,693 to be the total number of books in the library. It was moved that the librarian's report be made a part of the record and placed on file.

The district library meeting at Muncie on May 3 was announced.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.  
Margaret Dickerson, Sec.

May 1, 1928.

The board of trustees of the Elwood Public Library met with the following members present, — Mr. Boston, Dr. Brown, Miss Cox, Mr. Clyde, and Mrs. King.

The board held an interview with Earl Brunson, the new janitor. He was hired at 60 per month, beginning <sup>working</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>May 4</sup>.

The minutes of the <sup>previous</sup> <sup>meeting</sup> were read and approved, except for the addition of The name of the Elwood Trust Co. as one of the financial backers in buying the property.

It was decided to close the library Thursday to allow the assistants to attend the district meeting at Muncie.

Mr. Clyde's appointment by the governor, as a delegate to the A.L.A. meeting at West Baden, May 26 — June 2nd was read. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Clyde and Miss Johnston go to the meeting, their expenses to be paid by the library.

The librarian's report was read and accepted.

Bills were allowed, the total being \$299.68.

The meeting closed with a motion to adjourn.

Margaret Dickerson, Sec.

June 5, 1928.

The board of Trustees of the Elwood Public Library met with the following members present. — Mr. Clyde, Dr. Braden, Mrs. Asmfield, and Miss Dickerson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Bills to the amount of \$273.51 were allowed.

Miss Johnston gave the library report for May, with a total circulation of 4,096, of which 2,583 was adult. It was moved that the report be accepted and placed on record.

Due to the inability of Mr. Clyde to attend the A. L. A. at West Baden, Miss Dickerson attended two days as his proxy.

Mr. Clyde gave an interesting report on the district meeting held at Muncie May 3d, at which meeting Mr. Clyde gave a talk on "The Trustee and his Library" and Miss Johnston gave a talk on "Binding."

Miss Johnston and Miss Dickerson gave reports on some of the outstanding things of the A. L. A. as they saw them.

One of the most outstanding features of the gathering was the presence of a delegation of five Mexican librarians, two of whom gave addresses. One was in Spanish and copies of the translation of his speech were

passed around over the audience. The Association voted to send out a thousand representative books for children to add to the Lincoln Library, which had contained only adult books heretofore. The Lincoln Library was opened by Col. Lindbergh when he visited in Mexico and the purpose of it is to further international relationship.

Miss Johnston was present at the awarding of the <sup>new</sup> Mayberry Medal to Shantappa Mukherji for writing the best children's book of the year. The book was entitled "Gay Neck", the tale of a carrier pigeon. The personality of the author, the fact that he was a Hindu and had written a very unusual book seemed to make this one of the high spots in the Convention.

William M. Jannetty, of Cicero, Illinois, presided at the Trustees' section, the general theme of which was "Library Endowment."

The development of school libraries seemed to be one of the newer developments in library work.

Three former librarians at Elwood were present at the Convention at West Baden; — Miss Alpha Mard Peters, of the Gary Library, Miss Ethel McCullough, of the Evansville

library, and Miss Bestram  
French of the Sunville, Illinois  
university library.

There being no further  
business, the meeting adjourned

Margaret Dickerson,  
Secretary.

July 3, 1928.

The board of Trustees of the  
Elwood Public Library met with  
the following members present, -  
Mr. Clyde, Mr. Coble, Dr. Brown,  
Miss Cox, and Miss Dickerson.

The minutes of the previous  
meeting were read and approved.

Miss Johnston reported that  
the city was not attending to the  
sweeping of the street in front of  
the library. Mr. Clyde and  
Dr. Brown said they would see  
the Street Commissioner.

The following dates for vaca-  
tions for the library staff  
were approved by the board, -

Miss Johnston July 8-22, & Aug. 17-Sept. 2

Miss Corwell July 22-Aug. 5

Miss Hullkii Aug. 5-19

It was also approved by the board  
that the assistants attend a  
summer conference for assistant  
librarians at Indianapolis.

Bills for the amount of \$227.07  
were allowed.

Miss Johnston's report for June  
was read and accepted. The  
report showed a total circulation  
of 5151, a gain of 1314 over the  
previous year. This was the  
largest circulation ever at-  
tained in the month of June,  
attributed partly to it being  
a cold rainy month.

Miss Johnston gave a splen-  
did yearly report showing a large  
gain over 1925, which had

previously been the record year for a large circulation. The report showed that we now have over 14,000 volumes in the library. It was moved that the yearly report be accepted and placed on file and published in the Elwood Call Leader.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Margaret Dickerson, Sec.

August 7, 1928.

The board of trustees of the Elwood Public Library held their regular monthly meeting with the following members present, - Pres. Clyde, Mrs. A. Smfield, Miss Cox, Mrs. Boston, Dr. Brown, and Miss Dickerson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed to see the street commissioner reported that he had promised to clean the street in front of the library.

Miss Johnston reported that the assistants derived great benefit from the meeting for assistants at Indianapolis.

The question of hiring a janitor was considered as Mrs. Brinson is leaving August 15th. It was decided to have a called meeting Wednesday night to decide on a janitor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Margaret Dickerson, Sec.

August 8, 1928.

Called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Elwood Public Library was held with the following members present, - Mrs. Armfield, Miss Cox, Mrs. Clyde, Mr. Boston, Mr. Cobb, and Miss Dickerson.

The librarian's report for July was read and approved. She reported that one hundred twenty seven volumes have been presented to the Library by Dr. Adams, sixty of this number belong to the Universal Library and are entitled "Nations of the World."

Mrs. Harbit, an applicant for the position of janitress was present at the meeting. It was moved by Mrs. Armfield and seconded by Mrs. Cobb, that we hire Mrs. Harbit on trial, as janitress at \$60 a month. The motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Cobb and seconded by Mrs. Armfield that Miss Johnston be employed for the next year at the same salary. The motion carried, with the understanding that Miss Powell's salary be raised to \$48 and Miss Kilhies to \$60 per month for the coming year, beginning in September.

Mrs. Clyde read the new laws concerning budgets and the budget for last year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Margaret Dickerson, Sec.

Sept. 7, 1928.

The board of trustees of the Elwood Public Library met with the following members present, - Mrs. Armfield, Mrs. Clyde, Mrs. Cobb, Dr. Brown, and Miss Dickerson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was moved by Dr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Armfield that Miss Vestline's bid of \$179 for magazines and papers be accepted for the coming year. The motion carried.

Mrs. Clyde reported that Mrs. Charles ordered battleship linoleum for the board room, and will lay the same, by the desire of members of the board.

Plans for beautifying the lawn with shrubbery were discussed.

The monthly report was read and approved.

Bills were read and allowed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Margaret Dickerson, Sec.

Oct. 2, 1928.

The board of trustees of the Elwood Public Library met with the following members present, - Mrs. Chyde, Mrs. Cornfield, Dr. Brown, Mr. Cobb, and Mrs. King. Mrs. King acted as secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was reported that the floors of the work room need to be sanded and that the new linoleum is on the floor of the board room.

It was reported that Mrs. Meanover was hired to work on the lawn and shrubbery.

Bills were read and allowed.

The librarian's report was read and approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Margaret Dickerson, Sec.

Nov. 3, 1928.

The board of Trustees of the Elwood Public Library met with the following members present - Mrs. Chyde, Dr. Brown, Mr. Boston, and Miss Coy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Trustees and Librarian's meeting at the Lincoln Hotel at Indianapolis was announced for Nov. 21, 22 & 23.

It was reported that the trees were attended to by the experts Hard and Boneworth at a cost of \$33.

The plans for Children's Book Week were announced by Miss Johnston to be in the nature of a contest with prizes.

Delegates to the meeting at Indianapolis were chosen as follows, - Miss Johnston, Mrs. Cornfield, and Mr. Chyde, the expense of these delegates to be borne by the library.

Bills were allowed and ordered paid.

The librarian's report showed a gain of 815 readers and new borrowers 21.

It was moved that reports be accepted and placed on file.

It was reported that the rest room was re-decorated and paid for out of the petty cash fund.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Mary E. Coy, Acting Secretary

Margaret Dickerson, Sec.

Dec. 4, 1928.

The board of Trustees of the Elwood Public Library met with the following members present, - Mr. Boston, Dr. Brown, Miss Cox, Mrs. Orsfield, and Mr. Gooding.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Miss Johnston gave a report of the Library Convention in Indianapolis.

It was moved and seconded that the bills be allowed and paid. The motion carried.

The librarian's report showed there are 149 new borrowers.

A discussion followed as to the best way of disciplining some boys and, <sup>it was</sup> suggested that Mrs. Clyde talk to Police Chief Parsons as to some method of affecting a cure.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Margaret Dickerson, Sec.