

RECORD

Minutes of Business Committee
Chariton Federation of Clubs
Library Board.

January 1898.

Federation of Clubs membership
1898.

Hayes C.D.A.

Permitts Club

Clover

Croquet

Daughters of Rebecca

P. Degree of Honor.

W.A.T.C.

Combs Eastern Star

* Entre Nous

Copland Equal Suffrage

Jay Jay the Floral culture

J.M. Hunt History Club

Knoxall

Leonard Lotus

Pandora

P.E.O.

Cups? Royal Neighbors

Teachers

Whist

Becker W.T.C.

Zetamathian

Choral Society.

January 1898.

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At the annual reception, which the History club gave to the other study clubs of Chautau, at the home of Mrs L. E. Gibbon their president, Mrs Stone asked for the opinion of the other clubs on the subject of a Public Library, and the possibility of re-establishing the old public library. After some discussion the clubs decided to federate with that object and a meeting was appointed for some ten days later Jan 11, at 3 o'clock in the Assembly Room of Court House. Clubs present, History, Chis, Lotus, Entice Home Zeth Mathian, Pander, Cloon & the Bartholomew.

Jan 11, 1898.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs Whitten who stated the object of the meeting to be the federation of the clubs

Mrs Mallory was elected president.
& Miss Bartholomew secretary of the temporary organization.

Miss McCornick moved that all the clubs & societies of Chautau be invited to join this association.

Mrs Larimer moved that the Secy be authorized to send notes of invitation to the president of each club.

Miss Copeland moved that the president appoint a committee to draft constitution & by laws. The president appointed one member from each club present, as follows.

Miss Bartholomew, Mrs Emma Larimer, Mrs Dewey
Miss Fountain, Mrs Whitten, Miss Wella Hollinger

Mrs Stewart moved that there be a meeting two weeks from yesterday - Monday Jan 24 to vote on the constitution & by laws. Carried
Miss Brown moved that each club be

invited to send two delegates unpowered to vote on the constitution, carried.

The Pres. suggested to Mrs Grant move that the dues be fifty cents per club.

Roll call as far as ascertained, History, Clid. Jetamathian, Lotus, Centre House, Pandora, Sappho, Bloom Teachers, Kimpall P. E. O. Choral, Floral Culture, C. I. A. Equal Suffrage, W. A. R. Eastern Star, W. P. C. was read.

Moves to adjourn.

Elizabeth Bartholomew, Secy.

Added to roll - Daughters of Rebecca, Degree of Honor, Royal Neighbors, Daughters of the Republic.

Jan 24 1898

The president, Mrs Mallory was not able to be present so the meeting was called to order by the Secretary, Mr Whitten was elected chairman, Minutes of last meeting read & approved.

The question was raised as to how the clubs should vote. Move that in the following proceedings each club whether represented by one or two members cast one vote.

Move that any one present wishing to represent any club not already on the roll may be considered in the vote, & that club may hereafter become a regular member of Federation, if it so desired, Credentials presented, Chantre Croquet, Executive Whitt Officers were then elected, Miss Bartholomew Pres. Prof Cart. Vice President, Mrs Walter Dewey Sec. Treas. Mrs Mallory.

A meeting of the Business Com. - was called for 2 weeks from today. Adjourned - Elizabeth Bartholomew Secy.

Assembly Room, Court House

Chariton Ia. February 8th 1898. 3 p. m.

Attendance

The Business Committee of the Chariton Federation of Clubs met pursuant to the call of the Federation President — Present, The President, Miss Ethel Bartholomew, the vice President Prof. S. M. Cook, the secretary, Mr. W. H. Dewey, the treasurer Mrs. Annie L. Mallory. — also the societies named below were represented by the person whose name follows the name of the society:—
 History Club, Mrs. Ellen M. Braut; Zuluastean Mrs. Bella W. Brown proxy for Mrs. Emma Loring; Lotus, Mrs. Clara Culbertson; Clio, Mrs. Ida Pennick; Centra Nous, Miss Willie Hallinger; Clow, Miss Elvira Copeland; Pandora, Miss Pearl Field; Ladies Assn, Miss Aldrich; Uxell, Mr. W. K. Lewis; P. E. O. Mrs. Jennie Anderson; Flori Culture, Mrs. Amanda C. Stewart; Choral Club, the Rev. A. C. Ormeau, Equal Suffrage Assn, Miss Laura Copeland; D. A. R. Mrs. Lillian G. Howard; O. E. S. the Rev. Wm. V. Whitten; W. R. C. Mrs. Lizzie Eikenberry; Degree of Honor, Mrs. Jessie D. Peake proxy for Mrs. J. Andrews; Royal Neighbors Mrs. Lizzie Orips; Chariton Orquet Club, Mr. W. H. Dewey proxy for Mr. Eli Manning; Excelsior Whisk Club, Miss Margaret M^cConnick — The Chariton Imp. Assn and the Daughters of Rebecca were not represented.

Election of
Library Bd.

The Committee then elected in the manner prescribed by the constitution the following named five persons to be members of the Library Board till the annual meeting in June 1899 — Mr. Hor. Gay, Mr. W. H. Dewey, the Rev. Wm. V. Whitten, Mrs. Jessie M. Thayer, & Miss Margaret M^cConnick — also the following named four persons to be members of the library board till the annual meeting in June 1898 — Mr. F. R. Chalker, Mr. B. F. Bates, the Rev. A. C. Ormeau & Mr. Horace G. Loring.

Mrs. Brauner
gift

Mrs. Wm. Brauner offered to present a book to the new library, asking for the honor of making the first gift to the library, which was granted and the book accepted.
 The committee then adjourned — W. H. Dewey, Secretary.

Assembly Room, Monday Feb. 21st 1898.

The Business Committee met at 3.50 pm. at the request of the Library Board. present, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the following named Societies were represented by the person whose name follows that of the Society:
 Zetocathian, Mr. Emma H. Lorimer; Eastern Union, Miss Willie Hallinger; Chvr., Miss Elvira Capeland; W. & A., Mr. E. H. Lewis; P. E. O., Mrs. Jennie Anderson, Choral Ps. A. S. Ormond; Flor. Culture, Mr. Amos C. Stewart; Chvr. Soc. Assn. - Mrs. Jessie M. Thayer; E. S. Assn. Miss Laura Capeland; B. A. C. - Mrs. Lillian S. Howard, O. E. S. Rev. W. V. Whitten; Chvr. Congreg. Club Mr. W. D. Gray proxy for Mr. Eli Manning; Exclusionist Club, Miss Margaret M. Cornish - Mrs. E. D. Gray & Mr. Amos C. Stewart, Members of the Lotus Club being present, were extended thought to represent that Club -

Ed. Rev. W. V. Whitten was chosen President for time. The Secretary stated that he had been directed by the Library Board to report that Mr. Thos. Gray & Mr. H. C. Carter had declined to become members of the Library Board. Mrs. Jessie M. Thayer, being present, also declined the Library Board membership. The reasons of these persons for declining being stated & being deemed good, the declinations were, with regret accepted, and in the constitutional manner, Miss Margaret Brown, Mrs. Lizzie Crips and Mr. W. M. Kennedy were elected to the vacancies -

The Vice Pres. Mr. Cook arrived and took the Chair & also acted as proxy for Miss Sediel of the Teachers Assn. with the consent of the Committee -
 The Secretary further reported that the Library Board had referred to the Business Committee the two reports of its Committee on the Library question. These reports were then read the majority report favoring a membership public library, and the minority report favoring a free public library, Mr. Lorimer moved to adopt the majority report; the Secretary moved & seconded by substituting the minority

were not sufficiently informed to vote on this question, (altho' voting was the sole object of the club) asked that the Suffrage Club, be excused from voting -

The vote was then taken on the substitute or minority report, forming a free library. Those voting Aye, were, the Vice President, (by proxy) Pandora, Teachers Assn., W. M. A., D. S. S., O. C. S., Reg. of N. Royal Knights, D. P. R. - Chertm Croquet, & the Secretary, total 11 -

Those voting Nay, were, History, Zetemaethan, Lotus, Clover, P. C. O., Thri Culture, W. M. A. - Chertm Imp. Assn. - Ex. Whist, Extra News & the Treasurer total 11. The D. S. S. not voting -

So the substitute was lost by a tie vote - It was then urged to refer this whole question back to the Library Board - This question prevailed by a vote of 17 to 3, the Teachers Assn, the Ex. Whist Club & the Secretary voting in the negative, & the D. S. S., Chertm Croquet Club, & the proxy for the Vice-President not voting - So the reports were returned to the Library Board without action -

The committee ^{decided that} 2:30 pm would be better hours than 2:00 pm, at which should the literary meetings, on motion, the members of the committee were requested to obtain the vote of their respective societies on amending the constitution, so as to change the hour to 2:30 pm.

The proposition of the Companies to give a concert for the benefit of the library was rejected by a unanimous vote -

Miss Elvira Capeland of the Clover Club was appointed to see if satisfactory arrangements could be made to obtain a better place than the assembly room, in which should the literary meetings of the Federation -

Each member of the committee was directed to see that a full list of the members of his or her society was sent to the secretary of the Federation, in order that we might ascertain the membership of the Federation.

Adjourned to Saturday March 19th 1898

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Assembly Room, Saturday M^{ch} 19th 1898 =
Business Committee met pursuant to adjournment. Present
the vice president, the secretary, the treasurer, and the following
societies represented by their regular delegates: Ladies, Clover,
Enter Nous, Pandora, Vespale, P.E.O., Flori Culture, E.S.A.,
O.E.S., W.R.C., Deg. of H., Royal Knights, Ep. Unit.

Minutes of meeting M^{ch} 5th read & approved -
Miss Copeland, of the Clover Club, reported that she could
secure the Christian Church for the April meeting of the
Federation, at a cost, not to exceed \$2.00. On motion this
report was adopted & the offer of the church for that meeting
& on those terms was accepted.

On motion the following committee The secretary
reported the action of the Library Board, in favor of the
new library plan -

On motion the following committee was appointed as
permanent quarters for the library: Rev. Mr. Whitten,
Mr. Emma Linnier, & Miss Elvira Copeland.

On motion the delegates from the different organizations
were directed to consult their respective societies & see
how much each society or club would give to the
library fund -

On motion the following committee was appointed to
see to the soliciting of funds for the library - Mr. B. F. Bates
Mr. W. M. Kennedy, Mr. H. J. Linnier, Mrs. Amanda C. Stewart,
Miss Laura Copeland, Miss Margaret Brown - This
committee was given power to appoint sub-committees
& to add to their numbers.

Mr. Anderson & Mrs. Cullbertson were appointed to ascertain
the prospects of obtaining the Y.M.C.A. library to
consolidate it with the town library.

Adjourned to Sunday M^{ch} 29th 3 pm.
W. H. Dewey
Secy

Christian Church April 22nd 1898.
 Business Com. met. Present the V. Pres,
 Secy. and treasurer - also representatives of 14
 societies. Minutes read & approved.
 The various committees on permanent
 quarters, Y.M.C.A. Library, and Finance
 reported slow progress & work continued.
 The secretary was granted the right to select
 an assistant - the appointments to be made
 later. Adjourned.
 W. H. Roy. Secy

Nov 7, 1898³, (M. W. B.)

✓ Degree of Honor	5.00	pd
History Club	10.00	10 pledged for 1899
Moral Culture	6.00	5- " " "
Zeta	5.00	pd
Relief Co.	5.00	
Color Club	5.00	
✓ Eastern Star	5.00	

Meeting called to order by Pres -
 Elmer Copeland acted as Secy.
 Minutes were read and approved.

Thirteen clubs reported as voting
 for amendments.

Report of committee on library arrangements

Adjourned

Elmer Copeland Secy
 no date, but this meeting must
 have been on Nov 7, 1898

✓ Degree of Honor 5-
 Pandora 5-
 Suffrage 50-
 P. E. O. 5-
 Teachers -
 29 ✓ Royal Neighbors - 5-
 (pledged 5- for 1899 - R.

Dec 10. 1898.

The first meeting of the Business Board
 since April 22. was held Dec 10.
 Meeting called to order, 13 clubs being
 represented. Motion made by Mrs
 Larmer that the club dues to Federation
 be paid in Feb'y. It was moved that
 the officers of the Soc. act as a com.
 to investigate proposed Shakespearean
 entertainment.

Minutes of last meeting read & approved
 Della Courtlyan.
 Sec'y pro tem.

Business meeting of the Federation of Clubs was held in the assembly room of the court house Saturday afternoon, January 21st 1899 immediately after the literary program for the day had been carried out.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Bartholomew.

Representatives from the following clubs were present, History, Pandora, N.P.C., P.O.O., Croquet, Getamathian, Eastern Star, Teachers, Floriculture, Gloucester City Improvement and Equal Suffrage.

Motion made by Mrs. Hickman that on the adjournment of the Federation for that day, it shall meet the second Thursday of February at 7:30 P.M.

Motion was seconded by Rev. Whitten.

Motion carried. Adjourned.

Maudie M. McFarland, Sec. pro tempore

Feb 9, 1899

Meeting called to order, a quorum of the Business Board being present. Reading of minutes of last meeting was postponed on account of absence of Secy. Question of time of meeting was discussed. It was moved that we adjourn to meet Thursday evening Feb 2nd at 7:30, at same place.

Adjourned -

Called to order Secy pro tempore

April 6th Minutes Business Meeting
 Meeting was called to order by Pres -
 12 Clubs being represented -

The vote was on the proposed amendment
 to change time of meeting from
 Saturday afternoon to Thursday evening
 was taken. 11 voting for and one against

The president ask delegates from
 clubs to remind the clubs that they
 yearly .50¢ dues ^{to Federation} were ~~two~~ months
 overdue -

Adjourned -

Eloise Copeland
 Sec. Pro Tem

Here begins the intermingling of the
 Federation of Clubs Business Committee meeting
 minutes and the Library Board meeting minutes

Minutes of Library Board -

Chariton Iowa. Feby. 16th 1898.

Library Board met in Assembly Room in Court House at 3:00 pm. Present, the president Miss Bartholmas, the vice president, Mr. Cook, the secretary Mr. Drury, Messrs. Thos. Gay, W. Whitten, A. B. Omead, H. S. Lorimer & Mrs. J. Drury -

The Wagon Club tendered the use of their rooms free, for any reasonable length of time, to the committee for use of library. The room to be used not more than two afternoons some evening a week. On motion the offer was accepted, and the president & Mr. Lorimer appointed a committee to arrange for the days & hours during which the library should be open -

The president & the secretary were appointed a committee to examine the articles of incorporation of the Chariton Library & Reading Room Ass'n. & report as to the advisability of our incorporating as the successors of that Ass'n -

On motion the president appointed Mr. Lorimer, Mr. Omead, and the secretary as a committee on permanent quarters for the library -

Mr. Omead on behalf of the Chariton Choral Club offered ~~presented~~ the library fund with \$6.12 proceeds of a concert given recently by that club & offered as the first cash donation to the library. On motion the offer was accepted, with thanks -

Mr. Gay tenders his resignation as a member of the board, pleading his inability to serve on account of deafness - With regard the resignation was referred to the Business Committee with the recommendation that it be accepted -

The question as to whether or not the library should be established should be a "free" library, or whether there should be an annual membership fee of one dollar or thereabouts having arisen during the meeting, & then appearing to be a vote

earnest difference of opinion regarding the same, the Chair upon motion, was directed to appoint a committee of three to report fully on this subject - the Chair appointed Miss Margaret McConville, Mrs. Jessie M. Thayer & the secretary.
Adjourned to Thursday Feb. 17th 1898 at 4:30 pm.
W. H. Dewey secy.

Assembly Room, Thursday Feb. 17th, 7:30 pm.
No quorum appearing the President adjourned the board to Monday Feb. 21st at 3 pm.
W. H. Dewey secy.

Assembly Room, Monday Feb. 21st 3:00 pm.
Library Board met pursuant to adjournment - Present, the secretary, the treasurer, Miss McConville, Mrs. Thayer, Mrs. Dewey, Mr. Whitten & Mr. Loring.
The committee appointed on the Fair library question presented two reports, the majority signed by Miss McConville & Mrs. Thayer in favor of "an annual membership fee of one dollar, or 20¢ per month for those not buying yearly tickets - the minority signed by the Secretary favoring a library free to all the people of Clinton.
Without discussion both reports were unanimously referred to the Business Committee together with a request for their opinion of the matter -
Adjourned -
W. H. Dewey secy.

Assembly room, Monday March 7th 1898. 4:00 pm.

Library Board met; members all present except the president, Miss Boothman - Vice president being late Mr. Kennedy was elected, president pro tem.

The secretary reported that the Business Committee had ^{without mentioning them} offered back to the library board, the two reports on the library question which the board had referred to the Business Com. for their opinion (see page 102) - Motion prevailed to decide this question for business committee. On a standing vote eight voted for the minority report, for library, two voted against it and two did not vote. So the board decided for the "free" library plan.

The sub-committee appointed to arrange for days & hours during which the library was to be kept open, reported that owing to the fact that the plan of management of the library had not until today been decided upon, they had been unable to transact any business or make any arrangements. The committee on permanent location of library reported that they had done nothing, for the same reason. The committee on Incorporation of Library presented same report. On motion the reports of these three committees was accepted and they were discharged.

Oct 22, 1898

The Business Committee & Library Board met with Mrs C. J. Brant on Saturday Oct 22, 1898. Present the Pres. Vice-Pres. Treas, and representatives of 15 Clubs.

A motion carried that an informal ballot be taken for the new officers of the C. F. C. and Librarian.

The vote was then taken. The President Miss Bartholomew. Vice Pres. Prof. Bart-secy. Walter Dewry. Librarian Margaret Brown. A motion carried that the informal ballot be made a part of the proceedings of the meeting. (Committee)

A vote was then taken for Treas. The ballot not being decisive. Nominations were then made, Miss Householder Miss Nellie Hollinger. A vote was then taken and Miss Householder elected Treas.

A motion carried that the Constitution be amended to read - the Library Board shall consist of 9 (instead of 13) members. Motion carried that the Constitution be amended further, so that the members of the Business Board shall not be required to present a question before his or her club before voting, with the proviso that the amendment lay on the table a month before being voted upon.

Committed to see about rooms stated that the rooms over Mrs Gibbons Drug Store had been found most desirable.

A motion carried that the Committee be instructed to rent the rooms and make all arrangements for opening the reading room by Nov 1st (Mr Whittier, Miss C. Holland, the Pres. & Librarian)

Miss Brown reported \$46.12 had been pledged by the clubs \$52.00 by private subscription. Total 198.12.

Motion carried that the Secy request each club that had made no donation to make a contribution.

Motion carried that the organizations that have not been invited to become members of the Federation, be asked to send in application for membership, and give the Library their support.

The Treas reported \$16.47 in Treasury.

Motion carried that C. F. C. give \$5.00 to the Library.

Adjourned.

Wattie Blanche Hollinger
Sec. pro tem.

Oct. 31, 1898.

The Library Board met in Court House Oct 31, 1898. In absence of Secy Margaret Brown was appointed Secy pro tem. Motion carried that the bill of \$8.70 for stove etc be allowed.

Motion carried that a vote of thanks be extended thro' the city papers to Mr G. W. Dusley, Mr Heck + Grant Custer for their assistance.

Motion carried that Committee be authorized to purchase one or more sets of chairs or as many as necessary.

Prof. Galt moved that the Committee use their own judgement - about Tables and that they should proceed with the work of furnishing and organizing the library. Motion carried.

Motion carried that an order be drawn on the Treas for amt. of bill presented by Pres.

Meeting adjourned. Margaret B. Brown
Secy pro tem.

Dec 12, 1898

Library Rooms.

Four members present - Mr Whitten, Prof Carl, Miss Hausholder, Mrs Bartholomew
Miss Brown.

It was decided that the Library Board should meet regularly the first Saturday of the month at eleven o'clock A. M.

The Librarian reported thirty new books purchased and twenty five sent to be rebound - also Bulletin Board put in place.

The library having been cataloged after system used in Minneapolis about 900 vol. having been rec'd, from the County Teachers Assn, and old ~~Cath~~ Library.

It was suggested that fifty dollars might be spent for new books.

The Board was subdivided into committees as follows. Finance Mr Whitten - Mrs Criss. Mr Dewey. Entertainment - Mr Carl. Mrs McConick Miss Hausholder. Book Committee. Mrs Brown. Mrs Dewey Miss Bartholomew.

Mrs Gibson & Mr E. H. Lewis from outside the library Board being asked to also assist the Librarian in selection of books.

A letter was read from Mr Pepper offering to give a gramophone concert.

The proposition was accepted and referred to Entertainment Committee.

The Secy was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Book Ladder Co in acknowledgement of their gift of twenty five dollars to the Lib.

Father E. F. Waldron presented to the Lib. a number of paper back books and a file of magazines which are

stamped with his name, with the condition that should the Lib. not be maintained the magazines shall revert to him.

Esthet Bartholomew

Secy pro tem.

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Feb. 4. 1899.

The Library Board met in the Lib.

Saturday Feb 4. 1899. Four members were present.

The subject of Library tax which has been discussed at meeting in Jan. was again taken up - and Miss Brown said that petitions had been circulated by Mr Thos. Gay, Mr J. M. Stuart & Mr Dewey and the response had been most encouraging. Mr Gay obtaining over 100 names. A motion was made & carried that Mr J. M. Stuart be empowered to present the petitions to the Council on Feb. 6.

Motion carried that the Pres. & Lib. use their own judgement about procuring shelves.

Adjournment -

Marqant W. Brown.

Secy pro tem.

April 8. 1899.

The Library Board met in Lib. Saturday April 8. 1899. There was no meeting in March, and at previous meeting - called for April 1. - there was not a quorum present.

The question of Lib. funds was discussed - The question of the city maintaining the library having been voted upon at Municipal Election Mch 27 - and carried by a majority of 218. The vote being 325 for, and 107 against. It was decided to ask the Committee appointed last year, (to circulate the subscription papers, to collect -

the money which has not been paid
 Motion carried that a committee
 consisting of five members of which
 the President and Librarian shall be
 two, be appointed to look up the
 matter of purchasing an encyclopedia.
 The President also appointed Mr. Carl-
 Res. Whittier & Miss McCormick on
 said committee.

The Treas. report - read at the Federation
 meeting, was re-read and is here
 appended.

Receipts		Disbursements	
Balance	16.47	Out to July 1.	50.00
Royal Neighbors	5.00	Books.	82.32
3 Tamatheans	5.00	Periodicals	34.27
Teachers Club	50.00	Bonding.	13.45
Degree Honor	5.00	Furniture	29.10
M. R. C.	5.00	Printing	11.95
Floriculture	6.00	Janitor	10.50
Entre Nous	45.00	Supplies Fuel	10.40
Eastern Star	5.00	Incidentals	2.00
P. E. O.	5.00		244.04
History Club	10.00		
Ex. J. A.	5.00		
Clis Club	3.00		
Work Ladder Co	25.00		
Concordia Society	5.00		
Excelsior Whisk.	6.25		
D. A. C.	5.00		
Sappho Club	2.50		
Pandora "	5.00		
Greenleaf-Lowr Cent	23.65		
Individual Donations	12.00		
Refund on Books	2.23		
Safe Young lecture	37.20	Balance on Treas.	45.57
	<u>\$289.55</u>		<u>\$289.55</u>

There was also read the following account of sums collected by the Librarian from Nov 12 1898 to April 1 1899.

Library Cards	\$10.90
Fines	6.65
	<u>\$ 17.55</u>

which sums have been repaid.

as follows.

Freight	3.25
Scrubbing	3.75
Library Supplies	5.01-12.01
Balance on hands	\$ 5.54

Adjournment -

Margaret W. Brown
Sec pro tem.

In the interim between April 8, 1899 and July 5, 1899 no meeting of the library board was held.

Mrs. Stoneholder & Mr. Walter Dewey resigned, Prof. East removed from town, leaving 3 vacancies.

In accordance with the law before July 1st the Mayor appointed a board of library trustees, retaining the 6 members of the old board.