

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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A Special Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 13, 1997, at 4:30 P.M. in the Main Library Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Cliff Baacke, Board Chair, with the following members present: Judith Wiseman, Rick Rhodes and Ted Perry. Several staff members were also present as was Bonnie Hines of Designs Unlimited.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to consider a modified carpet layout proposal from Designs Unlimited, and to make a final decision concerning which carpet would be purchased. Ms. Hines had been asked by the Board to present a layout design which toned down the use of accent arcs (known as "swoops" by staff and Board"). Ms. Hines showed Board members the new design which made use of both squares and much smaller arcs. She also presented the carpet sample she had produced by Lee's carpets in an attempt to match another company's color and pattern with the Lee's carpet square technology. The sample was an excellent match.

At this point in the meeting, the Board Chair asked if the staff members present had any comment. Four staff members were present and expressed their disfavor with the carpet choice being considered.

Board discussion then continued concerning whether or not the specific choice of carpet was an appropriate Board decision or whether it was an administrative decision and should be delegated to the Director. To facilitate discussion, Judith Wiseman moved to approved the Lee's carpet and modified layout design as presented by Design's Unlimited. The motion failed for lack of a second. Ted Perry then moved to delegate the decision to the Library Director. The motion was seconded by Rick Rhodes and passed with "ayes" by Rick Rhodes, Ted Perry and Cliff Baacke and with Judith Wiseman voting "nay". Discussion then centered around the Board's expectations in relation to the Director making the decision. The Director asked if Board members intended that she find a carpet which would have the support of the majority of the Staff. It was the consensus of the Board that Staff opinions were to be considered as one factor in the decision, but not the only factor.

At the request of the Library Director, it was then moved by Rick Rhodes to purchase the carpet on State Contract rather than the bid process if possible. The motion was seconded by Judith Wiseman and passed unanimously.