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Form 8-K  
February 03, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): FEBRUARY 1, 2005

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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ILLINOIS (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	0-21923 (Commission File Number)	36-3873352 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
727 NORTH BANK LANE LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS (Address of principal executive offices)		60045 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (847) 615-4096

NOT APPLICABLE  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last year)

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ITEM 5.02 (b). DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF  
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DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.  
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On February 1, 2005, Philip W. Hummer, one of the directors of Wintrust Financial Corporation (the "Company") notified the Company's Board of Directors that he is retiring from the Board of Directors effective February 1, 2005.

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On February 1, 2005, the Company announced that it appointed Joseph Damico as a director of the Company. Mr. Damico fills the vacancy on the Company's Board of Directors which results from the retirement of Philip Hummer.

Mr. Damico will serve on the Risk Management Committee of the Board of Directors. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Damico and any other persons pursuant to which Mr. Damico was selected as a director. There are no related party transactions between the Company and Mr. Damico.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ David A. Dykstra

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David A. Dykstra  
Senior Executive Vice President and  
Chief Operating Officer

Date: February 3, 2005

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