

May 9, 1973

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held May 9, 1973 at 6:00 p. m. in the Library.

Members present: Terry Engel, Howard Hummer, Diana Hunter, John Wozniak and Rabbi Karl Weiner, Miss Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Also present: Charles Hug, attorney.

President Rabbi Weiner presided.

Two corrections were requested in the minutes of the May 2, 1973 meeting as follows: On page 3, second sentence requested change to. "Mrs. Jackson would like to see a fund established for the erection of a fountain as a memorial to her husband and would appreciate the Library's support."; and on page 6, fourth line in second paragraph to be changed to, "It is now on the Library System's Director's and President's agenda." Dr. Wozniak moved that the minutes of the May 2, 1973 meeting, as corrected, be approved. Mr. Hummer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hummer made the following motion which was seconded by Dr. Wozniak and, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the monthly financial statements for the General Operating Budget, Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings, Library Construction Fund, North Suburban Library System Coordinated Acquisitions Program on Literature be approved and accepted; and that the lists of bills for the General Operating Fund in the amount of \$23,781.61 and the NSLS-CAP in the amount of \$2,994.24 be approved for payment.

Circulation Reports for the month of April were discussed and ordered placed on file.

Annual statements for the fiscal year 1972-73 were distributed and in discussion of the amount of postage expenditure it was suggested the Library pursue once again the possibility of bulk mailing the Great Books Newsletters and other mailings of this type. The Annual Statements were ordered to be placed on file.

Miss Radmacher informed the Board of recent changes in personnel.

At this time the Board requested a closed executive meeting. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:00 p. m.

Mrs. Hunter, Chairman of the Committee arranging for the presentation of the Dali lithographs, asked to meet with her committee Thursday, May 10, at 3:30 p. m. in the Library. She asked for a budget to give the committee a framework to govern the number of guests, type of menus, etc. In discussion it was decided the total number of guests should be around 50 and the cost should run somewhere between \$2.00 to \$2.50 per person. This would not include hiring extra personnel for serving. Motion by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Dr. Wozniak which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board authorize a budget of \$250, excluding paying for additional personnel, for the luncheon at the presentation of the Dali lithographs.

Regarding the unveiling, Mr. Shapiro suggested the lithographs be hung in their permanent place and then veil them.

Reporting on the North Suburban Library System, Mrs. Hunter explained in detail there is a budget crisis and the System cannot continue to provide the same services to member libraries as in the past. Cost of reference service has been astronomical, estimated average cost per question is \$50. There will be a series of meetings to study and evaluate the System reference service. The State supplies the funds for operating the System. A Bill providing for a 30¢ per capita increase for Systems has been introduced in the legislature but, since it has not been approved, a System budget cannot be predicated. The increased demands for film service and the need for more delivery vans present other problems. There has been discussion on suspending the Coordinated Acquisitions Program.

Mrs. Hunter mentioned the Illinois Library Association Spring Standards Conference - Pass 1, and asked if some member of the Board would attend with her. Reservations were requested to be made for Rabbi Weiner and Mrs. Hunter.

Oakton Community College has made a request for use of the Library audi-

torium for eight week ends or a total of 24 days on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the 1973-74 School Year. This is for presenting college plays. In discussion, drawbacks to granting this request were: the need for extra custodial help, tying up too many week ends and the probability of doing more with the Fine Arts. No commitment could be made until the Library saw a Fine Arts calendar for the year. Rabbi Weiner said the Library's first commitment should be to the Fine Arts.

Miss Radmacher submitted a Policy Statement for Use of Meeting Rooms and asked the Board to study it. The Board agreed and the policy will be discussed at the June meeting.

Mr. Hammond, members of Samuel R. Lewis, Inc. and representatives from several contractors have been inspecting and discussing some of the necessary finishing work to complete the library job.

Miss Radmacher reported the fan in the heating and air conditioning system in the old building needs a new shaft and main bearings. Estimated cost of replacement \$1,080. Motion by Mr. Hummer, seconded by Dr. Wozniak which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board authorize the repairs to the heating and air conditioning system in the west building for the quoted price of \$1,080.

A request has been received from John Russell for reimbursement of his expenses for the trip to the Skokie Public Library for his interview with the Board relative to the position of business manager. He asked for \$91. After discussion the following motion was made by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mr. Engel.

Motion: To avoid any embarrassment, John Russell be reimbursed in the amount of \$91, for his traveling expenses when the Board interviewed him as a prospective employee.

Voting was as follows: Mrs. Hunter, no; Mr. Hummer abstained; Mr. Engel, yes and Dr. Wozniak, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Roger Smith of the American Legion Post 320, requested the Library's participation in the Legion's Ox Roast Festival and Community Expo June 27 - July 1, by taking the bookmobile to the location on McCormick Boulevard. Mr. Hummer moved to table until June action on the Library's participation in the

Community Expo.

Regarding parking, Rabbi Weiner said although there are signs on the east side of the driveway saying "no parking," they are totally disregarded. It appears that either patrons do not see the signs or because of the indenture in the sidewalk it invites parking and, consequently, there is always someone parked in that area. When the signs went up on the east side of the drive several months ago, the Village suggested if the signs were ignored, the Library, at its expense, should put signs on the building side. These would have to be signs on standards and would still not guarantee the no parking rule will be observed. In discussion the possibilities mentioned were: indicating that area as a fire lane, using standards and cones, or having an ordinance enacted by the Village to ticket violators. One point was emphasized that if the Library has an ordinance enacted, to place a very prominent sign on the bulletin board and at Circulation desk so the patrons are given every warning possible. The Board agreed with Rabbi Weiner's recommendation of having "no parking" signs on the building side of the driveway and checking with the Corporation Counsel to have the police issue tickets for violations.

Rabbi Weiner reported Mr. Neil King and his mother are considering donating a sculpture to the Library in memory of his father. Mr. King is enthusiastic about doing this and is hunting a piece of sculpture or some artist in which he and the Library would be interested. He will be pleased to have suggestions from the Library Board. Richard Hunt was suggested and the Bertolia sculpture which has been in the pool for the dedication of the original building was mentioned as an acceptable piece of sculpture. Any selection would depend upon the amount of money to be spent.

Regarding Revenue Sharing Funds, the following motion was made by Mrs. Hunter which was seconded by Dr. Wozniak and, on roll call vote carried unanimously.

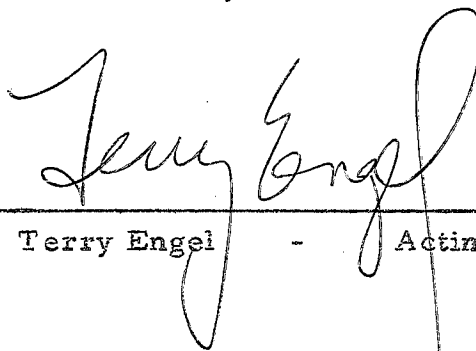
Motion: That the Skokie Public Library submit an application to the Village of Skokie for a portion of the Revenue Sharing Funds.

Rabbi Weiner asked for a committee to serve to determine a realistic portion of

the funds for the Library's application. Mr. Engel and Dr. Wozniak offered to serve.

Mrs. Hunter asked that a letter be sent to the Illinois State Representatives and State Senators urging their "yes" vote on the funding of \$1.2 million for the Illinois Arts Council. She also requested a message be sent to Lieutenant Governor Hartigan commending him for his support of this bill.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p. m. on motion by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mr. Engel.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Terry Engel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Terry Engel - Acting Secretary