

September 11, 1975

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held September 10, 1975 in the Library, at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Walter Flintrup, Richard Lindberg, Shirley Merritt, Rabbi Karl Weiner, John Wozniak, Norma Zatz and Miss Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Also present: Robert J. Di Leonardi, Counsel for the Board.

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Karl Weiner.

Rabbi Weiner asked Mr. Di Leonardi to give his report on the status of arbitration proceedings. Mr. Di Leonardi reported that he had written a letter to the American Arbitration Association on August 27th. Because of prior settlement discussions, further hearing dates had been postponed indefinitely. Mr. Di Leonardi is now awaiting specific dates for such a hearing.

Mr. Di Leonardi mentioned that he had received a letter on September 10th from the attorney for National Hamilton. The letter stated that National Hamilton would be opposed to hiring an outside expert or third party to determine the glass breakage fault in the future. Mr. Di Leonardi mentioned that the cost to replace each pane of damaged glass could be approximately \$1,000.00. He questioned whether hiring a fault finder would be worth the expense involved.

Richard Lindberg joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Lindberg said that compromises should be made with regard to the glass situation. He noted that this problem has continued for the past three years and that it is now time to address ourselves to other, more important matters. Mr. Lindberg acknowledged the Library could lose money, but he feels that this would be better than risking a lawsuit. Both Mr. Lindberg and Mr. Di Leonardi questioned the strength of our glass experts and the procedures they are using to test the glass. They have not yet determined whether glass other than on the east elevation might break in the future. Mr. Di Leonardi stated that our position is not that strong and that the Library would stand a chance of losing a court decision.

Mr. Di Leonardi listed six points which should be included in a settlement with National Hamilton or L.O.F. from the Library's point of view; (1) National Hamilton or L.O.F. agree to replace the damaged glass at $\frac{1}{2}$ the normal cost if breakage occurs, (2) the Library must have attic stock per contract and specifications, (3) the replacement must be prompt, (4) the agreement to be for a term of three years, (5) general indemnity must be provided for the

Library against third parties in case we do not have insurance to cover this, and (6) the glass settlement is contingent upon matters other than glass in the list for arbitration.

Mrs. Verna Beaver of the League of Women Voters joined the meeting as an observer at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Di Leonardi retired from the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting held August 13, 1975 were accepted and approved on motion by Mr. Flintrup seconded by Mrs. Zatz. Motion carried unanimously.

The following motion was made by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mrs. Zatz, which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the financial statements for the General Operating Budget, Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings, Library Construction Fund and North Suburban Library System Coordinated Acquisitions Program on Literature be accepted and the lists of bills for the General Operating Fund in the amounts of \$21.50 and \$16,558.19; Library Construction Fund in the amount of \$12.50; and the NSLS CAP in the amount of \$2,415.64 be approved for payment.

The Library's bookmobile was discussed when bookmobile circulation was discussed. The bookmobile chassis has been encountering some mechanical difficulty. The current cost of a bookmobile, built by Gerstenslager Company in Ohio, is approximately \$60,000.00. Mr. Flintrup said that perhaps the body of the present bookmobile could be placed on a reconstructed chassis instead of purchasing an entirely new bookmobile. Mr. Flintrup will investigate a possible purchase of an old bus which may be converted to a bookmobile.

Circulation reports were accepted and ordered placed on file.

Miss Radmacher reported that she had received proposals from two elevator companies concerning a maintenance contract for the Library. If the Library is seriously considering an elevator maintenance contract, specifications must be drawn up. Elevator companies would then have an equal opportunity to submit their bids. Rabbi Weiner summarized the discussion by saying that elevator companies have been reluctant to deal with the Library because it does not have a service maintenance contract.

At 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Helen Moshak, Mrs. Ruth Kadota, and Mrs. Flora Morris of the League of Women Voters of Skokie-Lincolnwood joined the meeting to discuss the Lincolnwood library situation.

Mrs. Moshak reported that in the past the Village of Lincolnwood has shown a general lack of interest in having its own library. She noted the recent referendum failure in 1972. The League of Women Voters feels that a demonstration library would promote and encourage the idea of having a library in Lincolnwood. Mrs. Moshak mentioned that Lincolnwood is a changing community, that the people are moving toward a greater concern for community activities. She stated that the people of Lincolnwood would feel a sense of pride in having a library in their own community. The League feels that the voters of Lincolnwood should be given an opportunity to choose among the options open to them concerning library service.

A contractual agreement between Lincolnwood and the Skokie Public Library was discussed. Mrs. Kadota and Mrs. Moshak expressed their concern that a contract would not allow Lincolnwood to have representation on the Skokie Public Library Board. Mrs. Moshak stated that the citizens of Lincolnwood would have no input as to how their money is being spent concerning the Library.

Rabbi Weiner reported that the members of the Board would like to see a contractual agreement between the Skokie Public Library and the Village of Lincolnwood for a number of reasons. He noted that the \$65,000.00, which will possibly be allocated by the North Suburban Library System for a Project Plus for library service in Lincolnwood, would provide little more than a storefront operation. He mentioned that this storefront operation would not be much of a model that would give the people of Lincolnwood a sense of library service. Of greater concern to our Board is that the people of Lincolnwood would use that facility to obtain their borrower's card and then proceed to use that card in the Skokie Public Library, which would obviously be unfair to the citizens of Skokie who are paying for service.

The question of the Skokie Public Library bringing library service to Lincolnwood (bookmobile, story hours) was raised. Rabbi Weiner was agreeable to trying to do this.

Rabbi Weiner thanked the League for coming to the meeting and hoped that their good mutual relations would continue in the future. At 9:00 p.m. Mrs. Moshak, Mrs. Kadota, and Mrs. Morris retired from the meeting.

The Board discussed the NSLS position on the Lincolnwood library situation.

Miss Mary Radmacher reported on the damage to the carpet and floors from the heavy rain storm on August 21, 1975. She mentioned that the carpet in the Adult Non-Fiction Room has been cleaned twice and asked whether the cleaning job was acceptable to the Board. The Board agreed that the cleaning job was sufficient to be acceptable and that there would be no need for replacement of the carpet at this time. The teakwood floors in Miss Radmacher's office and the Conference Room will have to be repaired. Miss Radmacher had contacted the Thailand Teakwood Company, which will give an estimate of the cost to repair. The insurance company will take care of the carpet cleaning, floor repairs, and damage to about 25 volumes which were water soaked.

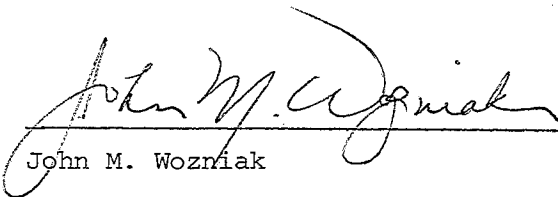
There was discussion regarding the computerized monitoring system. Rabbi Weiner questioned whether Johnson Controls is meeting the terms of its contract. After discussion the following motion was made by Mr. Lindberg which was seconded by Dr. Wozniak, and on roll call vote carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board of Directors hire the engineering firm of Samuel R. Lewis & Associates to inspect the installation made by Johnson Controls to see that it meets the specifications.

Miss Radmacher distributed materials to supplement Dr. Miller's Personnel Audit Report and explained briefly the sheet regarding possible pro-rated vacation, sick leave, and holiday benefits for part-time employees. There was not time to discuss the draft proposal for the personnel code. It will be discussed in October.

It was decided to have a dinner Board meeting on October 8, 1975, to start at 5:30 p.m.

Motion for adjournment was made by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mr. Lindberg, at 10:00 p.m.



John M. Wozniak Secretary