

January 8, 1969

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held January 8, 1969, in the Conference Room at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Messrs. L. O. Green and Donald Kraft, Mrs. Daniel Petty and Rabbi Karl Weiner, Miss Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Also present: Mrs. Milton Estes, observer for the League of Women Voters.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Rabbi Karl Weiner.

Mr. Donald Kraft requested that a correction be made in the minutes of the December 11, 1968 meeting on page 2, line 2, the figure be corrected to read \$90,000 to \$100,000. Mrs. Petty moved the minutes be approved as corrected and Mr. Green seconded the motion. All ayes.

Financial statements for the month of December, 1968 for the General Operating Budget and the Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings were accepted and approved on motion by Mr. Green seconded by Mr. Kraft. All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Green seconded by Mrs. Petty.

Motion: That the list of bills in the amount of twelve thousand two hundred fifteen dollars and twenty-three cents (\$12,215.23) be approved for payment.

All ayes.

Circulation report for the month of December, 1968 was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Miss Radmacher called the Board's attention to a legal opinion given by Mr. Harvey Schwartz regarding the election of Library Board members by giving each member a copy of a letter received from him. Rabbi Weiner reminded the Board that those members who intend to run will have to file by January 27. A statement of candidacy and a petition having fifty signatures must be filed with William Siegel, Village Clerk.

The following resolution was read and adopted on motion by Mr. Green

seconded by Mr. Kraft.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the regular election for Village officers in the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois will be held on April 1, 1969;

AND WHEREAS under Chapter 81, Section 2-2 of the Illinois statutes three members of the Library Board of Directors are to be elected at such election for a term of six years each;

AND WHEREAS two directors are to be elected to fill terms of four years each;

AND WHEREAS one director is to be elected to fill an unexpired term of two years;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Village of Skokie be instructed to accept petitions and prepare ballots for the election of Library Directors at said election on April 1, 1969 in accordance with all applicable provisions of the statutes of the State of Illinois.

Miss Radmacher reporting on the south addition stated that at the last meeting the Board decided to proceed as rapidly as possible and get a firm bid. Specifications have to be written, bids advertised for two to three weeks and then the selection made. This will take a certain amount of time and cannot be done until it is known which form of heating will effect the greatest economies for the Library. Mr. Schwartz has stated that a conservative estimate rather than the firm bid figure would be all right for presentation to the Village Trustees.

Mr. Kraft asked if this estimate would qualify for application for funds under the Library Construction Act. Miss Radmacher said that at this particular time it has no funds, but there will be funds in fiscal 1969, and agreed that the Library ought to apply. Mr. Kraft asked if, as a separate building from the main expansion, we could apply and, after discussion, made the following motion seconded by Mrs. Petty.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board apply to the State of Illinois for financial assistance in constructing the addition to the south end of the Library.

All ayes.

Miss Radmacher reported that Mr. Harvey Schwartz was not ready to give

the Library Board a statement on the legality of the concept of the new library building.

Discussion was held of renting the property at 5219 Oakton Street to Mrs. Earle Smith. Mr. Green talked about the Smiths renting one of the apartments. Consensus was that somebody should be living there - it should not be left vacant. Miss Radmacher will talk with Mr. Smith about whether his wife would consent to living in one of the apartments in the two flat at 5219 Oakton Street.

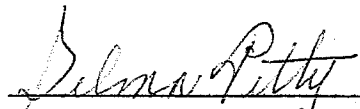
The Librarian announced the appointment of Gary Dobbe (a former employee) on a part-time basis for a night custodian.

Miss Radmacher called the Board's attention to the date for National Library Week, April 20-26, 1969 and announced that she was looking for suggestions from trustees for a program. Suggestions: information retrieval, book reviews for the Senior Citizens, and Rabbi Weiner suggested this particular time of National Library Week be used to recruit some students for library work.

The Librarian informed the Board the sculpture presently being exhibited is the work of Dawn Nehls. Mr. Kraft requested that Mr. Emmett Corley be asked to make a new spear for his sculpture to replace the one that, apparently, has been stolen.

Mr. Kraft informed the Board that he is working in a new position with IBM and will be working some nights, between seven and eight a month, and those nights are at the time of the North Suburban Library System's Board meetings. Through his absence, Skokie Public Library would lose its representation since the rule is that if you miss two consecutive meetings you are off the Board. His greatest concern was that Skokie Public Library does not lose out in bidding for the reference service. Rabbi Weiner appointed Mr. L. O. Green to attend the meetings in Mr. Kraft's absence.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Petty.


Selma Petty Sec. -
Secretary