

July 12, 1972

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held July 12, 1972 at 7:30 p. m. in the Library.

Members present: Howard Hummer, Diana Hunter, Terry Engel, Selma Petty, and Rabbi Karl Weiner, Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian.

Also present: Robert Di Leonardi, Counsel for the Library, and George Getty, associate of Hammond, Beeby and Associates.

Minutes of the June 14, 1972 meeting were approved on motion by Howard Hummer, seconded by Selma Petty. Motion carried.

Financial statements for the General Operating Fund, Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings, Library Construction Fund and North Suburban Library System Coordinated Acquisitions Program on American Literature were approved and ordered placed on file on motion by Selma Petty, seconded by Terry Engel and carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Petty, seconded by Mr. Engel which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the lists of bills for the General Operating Budget in the amount of \$12,634.78; Library Construction Fund in the amount of \$186,694.27 and North Suburban Library System Coordinated Acquisitions Program in American Literature in the amount of \$130.75, be approved for payment.

Retention of the Kane Watch Service was discussed. When Mr. Di Leonardi asked when the Library would accept the building, Mr. Getty stated it is uncertain because of Corrigan's slowing down. Mr. Di Leonardi suggested the Library might give Corrigan notice that it will continue the Kane Service because of his slowness and set a time for all contractors to get everything finished, continuing the service in the interim. Corrigan should be advised to complete in four weeks. Suggestion was made not to extend the Kane Service but use insurance for a month or two. Mr. Engel suggested exploring the cost of such insurance and, if it can be obtained at a reasonable figure, do so and discontinue the watch service. Motion by Mr. Engel, seconded by Mrs. Hunter which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library investigate an insurance policy and obtain one providing the cost would be a savings as opposed to the cost of the watch service and that the watch service be terminated.

Circulation Reports for the month of June were approved and ordered placed on file.

Mr. Getty, reporting on the Building Program, distributed copies of the Building Budget Program Data for this meeting prepared by Hammond, Beeby and Associates, copy of which is attached. The various items were reviewed and Mr. Getty mentioned the lawn sprinklers were listed. Mr. Di Leonardi advised the Library is obligated to advertise for bids on this and award the contract to the lowest bidder.

Balance left in the Building Fund is \$28,520.07 and this is not committed. Mr. Getty mentioned interior signs, walks to the cottage, coat racks in the staff locker room, skirts for the marble shelves around the lavatories, painting the chain link fence, etc.

Rabbi Weiner asked the Board's attention to the Village Green and action that must be taken. At a meeting with the Village Beautification Committee and Mr. Caldwell there appeared to be a great deal of excitement for the whole concept. Chairman of the Beautification Committee and Mr. Arnold asked for definite plans and figures because there are Federal funds available. Rabbi Weiner read a letter received from Mr. James Arnold of the Village. Rabbi Weiner also reported he had given his consent to Mr. Hammond to have Mr. Caldwell think of the possibility of rearranging the Village parking in such a way there could be lines of trees against which the people could park and get out on the landscaped areas. At the Monday night meeting when the conversation concerned the immediacy of getting walks, Mr. Hammond suggested temporary walks which could be taken out when the scheme of walks has been finalized. In the meantime improvement of the existing lighting will make the crossing of the Village Green safe. At a meeting with the Board of Trustees the question was raised about the Library being willing to pay for the walks. Rabbi Weiner informed the Village Trustees that the Library must establish the legality of doing this. Mr. Di Leonardi stated if it is considered an integral part of the construction, funds can be spent. Motion by Mr. Hummer which was seconded by Mrs. Hunter and, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board commit a maximum of \$12,500 to be used specifically for the installation of walks and lights on the Village Green for work to be done immediately.

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Mrs. Hunter made the following motion which was seconded by Mrs. Petty and, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the \$12,500 previously authorized for work on the Village Green be subject to the condition that whatever is to be done is mutually agreeable to the Village and this Board and in any event the Village permission for the work should be approved.

Miss Radmacher asked when it would be expedient to have a meeting with the Village to explain the action that was taken. Rabbi Weiner asked Mr. Di Leonardi to do this.

Rabbi Weiner distributed copies of his suggestions for inviting groups to see the Library. Consensus of the Board to accept the whole plan as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Hummer which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the principle of the dedication of the plan as expressed by President Weiner be accepted by the Skokie Public Library Board and implemented.

Rabbi Weiner asked for volunteers to serve. Mr. Hummer, Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Petty will serve on the committee, with Mr. Hummer chairing it.

Miss Radmacher announced that the date of December 1 has been confirmed for a concert by Arnold Brostoff, a violinist with The Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Ideas for expressing appreciation to the staff for work during the moving period were discussed. Decision was made to delay action for consideration at greater length.

Mr. Hummer reported on his contact with Mr. Johnson of the Illinois Veterans Commission wherein he advised him the Library Board was in favor of providing space but had not come to a decision because other organizations might expect the same treatment. Mr. Di Leonardi said the Library holds this building in trust for library service and, although the amount of space the Veterans Commission might require would appear insignificant, it must be held that any significant amount of space may be needed by the Library for other library functions. Mr. Hummer will call and give Mr. Johnson the message.

Mr. Hummer reported on the North Suburban Library System. Before his retirement from the North Suburban Library Board he presented two ideas: (1) concentration on Skokie providing the reference service now provided by the Chicago Public Library and, (2) that this Board decide no person from this Board should serve more than

two years on the System Board.

Mr. Hummer at this point respectfully moved the Skokie Public Library Board initiate action to cancel our contract with Chicago Public Library and subsequently sign the contract with the North Suburban Library System Reciprocal Borrowing Program. Discussion followed of the Lincolnwood situation and the fact that Mr. Trezza of the State Library will look into the Lincolnwood situation. Mrs. Hunter said some discussion was held on this at the System meeting but it was shelved. Mr. Hummer made the following motion which was seconded by Mrs. Petty.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board take action immediately to cancel its contract with Chicago Public Library for Reciprocal Borrowing and subsequently sign the contract with the North Suburban Library System for its contract with the Chicago Public Library System for Reciprocal Borrowing.

On roll call vote, the voting was: Mrs. Hunter, no; Mr. Engel, yes; Mr. Hummer, yes; Mrs. Petty, yes.

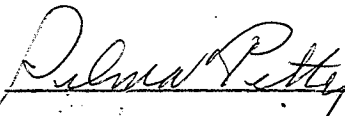
Mrs. Hunter asked for spot checking student's identification compared to the borrower's card presented. Discussion followed. Motion by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Engel.

Motion: Starting with September 1st a spot check system of identification of a patron matching the library card be established and upon the finding of a person who does not reside in Skokie using a Skokie card, a written warning be sent to the person and upon the second offense revocation of the card be made by the Skokie Public Library.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Engel, yes; Mr. Hummer, no; Mrs. Hunter, yes; Mrs. Petty, no; Rabbi Weiner, no. Motion was defeated.

Statement relating to unemployment taxes was distributed to the Board members for a matter of information.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p. m.


Selma Petty Secretary

SKOKIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BUILDING PROGRAM BUDGET DATA FOR REVIEW AT BOARD MEETING OF
JULY 12, 1972

A. Funds Available

Bond Issue.....	\$2,960,000.00
Library Services and Construc- tion Act.....	97,000.00
Interest on Investment of Bond Issue Funds through June 30, 1972.....	<u>384,361.45</u>
	\$3,441,361.45

B. Funds Committed and Other Obligations to Satisfy
Bond Issue

I. Committed to date - actual and/or estimated	
a. Costs of referendum, professional services and related expenses, bond sale, legal, in- surance, land, reim- bursements to general fund and miscellaneous; actual through July 12, 1972.....	\$492,602.82
b. Construction Contracts- Net Amount through July 12, 1972 for E.W. Corrigan Construction (2,334,669.32) including Change Order 13, Frank H. Stowell & Sons (\$54,437.00) and Concrete Products (2,980.00) including installation	\$2,392,086.32
c. Caldwell Landscape fee- balance	\$ 1,000.00
d. Furniture and Furnishings including Change Orders No. 1 and No. 2	\$ 429,073.77
e. Landscaping - P & S Landscape Service Contract	\$ 21,610.00

- f. Modifications as previously approved on June 14, 1972 and in interim to be included in forthcoming change orders:

Building Construction:

E. W. Corrigan..... \$ 977.69
Frank H. Stowell..... 9,317.00

Furniture & Furnishings:

The Slater Company..... \$ 3,873.78

To Stowell or Other

Contractors..... \$17,800.00

\$31,968.47

2. Other Commitments to be Satisfied and Desirable Additions

- a. Audio-visual Equipment \$25,000.00
b. Furniture and Furnishings allowance \$ 7,000.00
c. Village Green walks and lights if Library Board elects to fund (50% of \$25,000.00) \$12,500.00
d. Contingencies, Estimated fees and related expenses of Construction Account \$28,520.07

Rabbi Karl Weiner

PROPOSALS FOR THE PLANNING OF THE
DEDICATION OF THE SKOKIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The first day of the opening of our new Library, July 10, 1972, gave me the answer to the nagging question and doubt I have been silencing again and again over the last two years. The excitement of the people who came in droves - men, women and children - was, in a large part, the answer. The festiveness with which they walked through the rooms - downstairs and upstairs - appeared to me to be a kind of ritual of taking possession. There was an acceptance that seemed to say: this reflects our style and our aspirations; it is the fitting place for us. The question which had been nagging me all through the years of planning had been: are we reading our community right? Are our aspirations those of the people for whom we have been put on the spot as planners and as trustees? Standing in the area of the circulation desk gave me the answer: the people had taken over and the library was theirs.

Any thoughts we will entertain concerning the formalities of a Dedication of the Library must be guided by a rationale which answers the following question: What do we want to achieve with our dedicatory program? Candidly I admit my private wish: after years of almost daily thought about the library building project, I am looking forward to an event in which I may experience and express a sense of accomplishment, the celebration of fulfillment. I am sure that all those who shared in the years of planning and concern as much and more than I, share now also in this kind of a need for a culminating event.

We must not stop there. We who have been closest to the Library find our truest reward in the sense of our stewardship on behalf of all the people. Therefore, the Dedication program of the Library must be a celebration by the people. It must not be limited to an event for the prominent, the "leaders". Secondly, the Dedication program must dramatize what the Skokie Public Library is: The information center for all the people of Skokie alike: for young and old, and of all degrees of education; for those whose interests are fed by books and printed material and for those whose interest is in other than the printed sources of information. Thirdly, the Dedication program should truly open the Library to the people; should make them know their way around in it; should invite them to dialogue so that we know what they seek in their Library. Fourth, the Library should be experienced - in the Dedication program - as the cultural center of all the citizens in their various backgrounds and group identifications. Lastly, the Dedication program should contribute to the citizen's pride in his community as one of distinction and achievement.

The type of events that come to mind as part of a Dedication program, perhaps spread over the months from September to May, are:

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A DEDICATION CEREMONY with participation of all the Skokie civic leadership, with the appearance of a famous and respected guest of honor (I would prefer one from the world of culture rather than politics). This dedication should be covered by the press, radio and television, so that all citizens of Skokie may experience their community as the model community it is in the nation.

A series of FESTIVALS, making use of our theatre, of our own materials, and of our display areas. Examples: a festival of music (chamber, folk, etc.); a festival of the visual arts (perhaps an invitational exhibition of sculptors with a purchase prize); a festival of Pluralistic America with the display of different ethnic and religious communities.

A series of OPEN HOUSES, to which specific interest groupings are invited for a tour of the Library, for explanations concerning the most helpful use of the resources and facilities, and for an open discussion about what the Library has to offer and about what the people want. This series could begin in September. The people to be invited should be in categories of patrons rather than because of their prominence.

Recognition of those who contributed in a special way to the completion of the new Library.

Enlistment of a "Friends of the Library" organization; and acquisition - by subscription and private donations - of sculptures.

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