

June 8, 1966

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held June 8, 1966, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Library.

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

Mr. L. O. Green, President, presided.

Minutes of the previous meeting held May 11, 1966, were approved on motion by Mr. Conroy Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Daniel Petty. All ayes.

Financial statements for the General Operating Budget and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings for the month of May, 1966, were accepted and approved on motion by Mr. Erickson seconded by Rabbi Karl Weiner. All ayes.

Motion by Mrs. Petty, seconded by Mr. Erickson.

Motion: That the list of bills payable in the amount of thirteen thousand one hundred twenty-eight dollars and four cents (\$13,128.04) be approved for payment.

All ayes.

Circulation Report for the month of May, 1966 was approved and ordered to be placed on file.

Miss Radmacher reporting on the preparation of the lot next door for parking mentioned that Mr. B. Marsh, Village Manager, stated it would be more economical to use the front half of the property and leave the back half as is. On discussion Rabbi Weiner stated this would not be aesthetically good and could encourage people in the apartment buildings in the area to use the space for their cars and thus defeat the purpose. Miss Radmacher was asked to convey to the Village that the Board desires to have the sod moved from the back to the front and gravel put in the back; lot to be level from the front entrance to the back; and one row of parking against the present building could be removed. She was requested to try to get a comparative cost of doing it each way from some source other than the Village, but to request the Village to give the Library an approximate cost. Cars should enter the back and drive out through the Borgia's driveway.

The Librarian placed the recommendation to the Board of securing the services of someone to do public relations work, preferably someone who has had some connection with libraries. She explained the functions of this individual would be to work on programs that could be established here, write publicity and perform other services. Consensus of the Board this position be called public information rather than public relations and Miss Radmacher should look for someone to fill this position.

President Green asked the Secretary, Mrs. Petty, to go through by-laws and update them.

President reported the Citizens Advisory Committee ^{are} planning to have a meeting June 9, 1966. Mr. Simon, chairman of the Committee, reports things are moving along in great shape.

The question was asked as to what percentage of the book budget is spent to replace books that are lost, stolen or lost in circulation. Miss Radmacher will ask Mrs. Yi to keep a tally of this so a definite figure can be had.

Mr. L. O. Green reporting on System 5 (now called North Suburban Library System) stated the application has been submitted to Springfield. Because of the State's fiscal year ending June 30, the following motion was made by Mr. Erickson seconded by Rabbi Weiner.

Motion: To reappoint Mr. L. O. Green a member of the System 5 Board.

All ayes.

The Librarian reported a statement of the cash flow has been given to the Village. They want an appropriation ordinance and a budget in which the \$117,000 in the Reserve Fund will be shown as a capital expense item. Mr. Green instructed how this was to be prepared and will approve it before submitting it to the Village.


The Librarian discussed special projects for spring and fall as follows:

sculpture exhibit in south court yard, poetry reading programs, radio programs on WRSV and music programs in Lecture Room. If musical programs are presented a piano will be needed. Consensus of the Board in this event a piano should be rented and not purchased by the Library.

The Librarian reported on the Institute held at DeKalb which was attended by the Librarian and Mrs. Petty, Secretary of the Board.

Due to the ALA Conference being held in New York July 10 - 16, 1966, the next regular meeting will be held July 6, 1966.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Petty.


Selma Petty - Secretary