

November 8, 1967

Minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of the Skokie Public Library held in the Conference Room at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. W. C. Griffin, Donald Kraft, Mrs. Daniel Petty, and Rabbi Karl Weiner, Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian.

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

Rabbi Weiner, President, presided at the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting held October 18, 1967 were approved as read.

Financial reports for the General Operating Budget and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings were approved and accepted.

Motion by Mr. Kraft seconded by Mrs. Griffin.

Motion: That the list of bills in the amount of eleven thousand six hundred thirty-eight dollars and seventy-two cents be approved for payment.

All eyes.

Circulation Report for the month of October, 1967 was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The President reported that further conversation was unnecessary about the dinner meeting of the combined boards since nothing final was decided and no action could be taken on the basis of the discussion at the meeting. At this point, building plans are at an impasse until the Federal Government indicates we can have the land, which is contractually ours as far as the Village is concerned. Inquiry should be made as to whether the Village has proceeded to open discussion with HUD on this. Mr. Arnold offered to do this. Until some report from him is received, we can do nothing.

Plans for December 3 were discussed. Rabbi Weiner reported that Mr. Ralph Newman, Chairman of the Illinois Sesquicentennial Commission and Lincoln scholar, has accepted the invitation to be the speaker of the day and will be available between 2:00 to 3:15 that day. The program should not last more than 1 - 1/2 hours. Rabbi Weiner further reported that he had contacted the Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra and requested that they provide a quartet to give musical form to the program. They will send a group of four musicians and the charge for their services will be paid by the Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra as their contribution to the event. The chairman of the Skokie Civic Theatre has been contacted by Rabbi Weiner and promised to provide someone to read poetry. They will do something about Illinois or Lincoln. A tentative outline of the program was discussed.

Discussion was held of individuals chosen to receive the formal invitations. Decision was made to send invitations to presidents of organizations; school and park district board members; the clergy; and village and school officials.

Newspaper coverage and other publicity was discussed. Photographs of Mr. Newman, the Library, the sculptor or sculpture should be sent to the newspapers for their use.

Rabbi Weiner asked Mr. Kraft to assume the responsibility of meeting with the people from the Art Guild, Symphony and Civic Theatre.

The status of the order for the new bookmobile and delivery date was discussed by the Librarian.

The Librarian stated that a salary scale revision will be prepared by her for presentation to the Board at the January meeting.

A schedule of programs for the Contemporary Literature Discussion Group was distributed and attention called to the fact that

this includes several film showings.

The Librarian reported that the survey by Dr. Guy Garreson is in process.

The Librarian discussed the qualifications of Mrs. Martha King as a desirable and capable person for a public relations position on the staff.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Griffin seconded by Mr. Kraft.

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Selma Petty, Secretary