

May 15, 1968

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held May 15, 1968, at 7:30 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Library.

Members present: L. O. Green, Mrs. W. C. Griffin, Donald Kraft, Mrs. Daniel Petty, Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian.

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

Vice President Donald Kraft presided.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and approved as distributed.

Financial statements for the General Operating Budget and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings were accepted on motion by Mr. L. O. Green, seconded by Mrs. W. C. Griffin. All ayes.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Daniel Petty.

Motion: That the list of bills in the amount of three thousand four hundred twenty-eight dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$3,428.99) be paid.

All ayes.

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

Vice-President Kraft announced that since this was the annual meeting, at the end of the business listed on the agenda the meeting would adjourn and the Board would go into an executive session for discussion of salaries, etc.

Annual reports were examined, accepted and ordered to be placed on file on motion by Mrs. Petty, seconded by Mrs. Griffin. All ayes.

Statistics on Sunday hours were discussed and the Librarian stated figures on the cost per Sunday will be ready for the next Board meeting in June. Question was asked of how the three hours on Sunday compare with another day in the week.

Resignations from the staff and new appointments were announced by the Librarian.

The Librarian stated the new bookmobile will be ready for use the week of May 20 and asked for a consensus of opinion as to where the bookmobile should be parked since it will not fit under the canopy at the west side of the building. The decision was to install a 220 plug and some spot lights on the lot to the east and park the new bookmobile there.

The Librarian requested the Board to reevaluate the idea of contributing to Illinois Library Association for assistance in defraying the expenses of a legal case and explained there has been some objection to this in principle. The original request was made before the ILA Executive Board had a chance to approve the details of the committee's thinking. The Board agreed to await a formal request then to ask Mr. Scott McDowell for a legal opinion on such a contribution.

Miss Radmacher reporting on the National Library Week program stated that all programs for the entire week were highly successful as attested to by all those attending and the letters of thanks received.

The Librarian informed the Board of the Children's Department activities for the summer such as the Summer Reading Program on which particular emphasis will be put on "leisure reading." They will also have a series of evening programs, An Introduction to the Art of Story Telling, during the month of July.

The Librarian called the Board's attention to an Administrative Bulletin concerning Audits and Auditing Expense, and Ceilings on Annual Public Library Tax for Library Purposes. The opinion was expressed that this Library should put in a \$1,000 appropriation for auditing and ask the Village to levy this in addition to the tax.

The ALA Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, to be held June 23 - 29, 1968 was called to the attention of the Board by the Librarian who stated the ALA BULLETIN for April carried some information but a program has not been received. She also talked about the Pre-Conference Institute on Library Equipment: Charging

Systems and was most desirous of having the head of Circulation Department attend. Since Mrs. Gain cannot attend, Mrs. Lillian Culbertson will take her place.

Two booklists were distributed to the members: Reading List on Viet Nam and Selected List of Recent Acquisitions April 1 - 30, 1968.

Mr. Kraft reported for Rabbi Weiner on a conversation with Mayor Smith about the property to the east. While no answer has been received from Washington, the Chicago office of HUD unanimously favored the Village proposal but approval from Washington must be received before the Library can get title. In the meantime, permission was given to park on the lot. Mr. Kraft suggested consideration might be given to writing HUD in Washington saying we would like to fly to Washington to discuss the matter with them. Mr. Green stated his approval of this suggestion but recommended discussing this with the Mayor first and taking him along to Washington.

Question was asked of the cost to condition the old bookmobile for service during the summer. The Librarian stated it is not in good enough condition because of its age -- no air conditioning and mechanically worn out. Also, the Library does not have the personnel to staff it. The Board then recommended that steps be taken to dispose of it by offering it for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p. m. on motion by Mrs. Griffin seconded by Mrs. Petty.

Selma Petty

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Secretary