

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held 7:30 P.M. September 8, 1965 in the Conference Room of the Library.

Members present: Conroy V. Erickson, Mrs. W. C. Griffin, L. O. Green, Mrs. Daniel Petty, and Rabbi Weiner, Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian.

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

Minutes of the meeting held August 11, 1965 were approved on motion by Mrs. Griffin seconded by Mrs. Petty. All ayes.

The following motion was made by Mr. Erickson seconded by Mrs. Griffin.

Motion: That the financial reports for the General Operating Budget and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings be accepted as submitted.

All votes were affirmative.

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

Motion: That the list of bills in the amount of six thousand five hundred seven-eight dollars and seventy-four cents (\$6,578.74) as submitted be approved for payment.

All members voted affirmatively.

The Circulation Report for the month of August was approved and ordered to be placed on file.

The Librarian reported to the Board receipt of a gift of \$15.00 from the B'nai B'rith Women - District 6.

The Librarian reported on the signing of Senate Bill 393 and House Bill 563 August 17 providing for a program of state grants to aid in the establishment and development of a network of public library systems, including an appropriation of \$4,743,822. A Photocopy of H.B. 563 P as signed into law was distributed to each member. The Librarian explained the location of the Library Systems in Illinois. Upon presentation of a copy of a letter of protest from Roselle Public Library to Mr. deLafayette Reid, Deputy State Librarian, the question was raised whether Skokie Public Library should add its influence to the protest. No action regarding the protest was taken.

Resignations and appointments of personnel were discussed at this time and the Librarian mentioned the necessity for finding a qualified librarian to head the Technical Processes Department.

Fuel Oil Bid submitted August 30, 1965 by Apex Motor Fuel Company which was accepted by the Village Trustees was discussed and the following motion was made by Mr. Erickson seconded by Rabbi Weiner.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library, in agreement with the Village Board, accept the low bid submitted by the Apex Motor Fuel Company and award the contract for fuel oil for 1965 - 1966 to them.

All votes were affirmative.

The Librarian explained that additional shelving was needed for the closed reference area and for Young People's and Children's Department. Due to lack of space it is necessary to add shelving against the glass partition separating the Children's Department from Technical Processes Department and in a comparable position in the Adult Services Department closed reference area. Motion by Rabbi Weiner seconded by Mrs. Petty.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library purchase the following shelving, to be placed as indicated:
1 single faced range 5 sections long, 6' 10" high, 10" shelves, W. B. Ames shelving, laminated teak wood and panels for closed reference area, located adjacent to glass wall dividing Adult Services from Technical Processes - installed \$688.00.

1 single faced range 6 sections long, 60" high, 10" shelves, W. R. Ames shelving, laminated teak wood and panels for Young People's Reference area, located adjacent to the glass wall dividing Young People's and Children's Department from Technical Processes Department - installed \$487.00.

All votes were affirmative.

The Librarian announced there will be a special program with Roy Newquist as the speaker in the Library Lecture Room October 7, 1965 at 8:30 p.m., sponsored by the Library. The Board recommended that the program be advertised by distribution of literature or posters.

The Librarian recommended the Library sponsor a Film Festival which some Contemporary Great Books Group members have inquired about and are helping with the selection of films. Mr. Allan Swartz has offered to provide the projector. The consensus was that while this would be of educational value it could also result in good publicity for the library.

Mr. Green asked about the chances of the Skokie Public Library to receive Federal funds for the building program. Miss Radmacher stated her belief that the Library had a moral obligation to the local taxpayers to make application for such funds when there is an opportunity of getting as much as twenty-five per cent of the bond issue. She reported on her discussion with Scott McDowell, Library attorney, Mr. de Lafayette Reid, Deputy State Librarian, and Mr. Louis Kahn, Village Finance Director. It was the consensus of the Board that application should be made for Federal funds. The sale of bonds would be decreased by the amount which would be forthcoming in Federal funds.

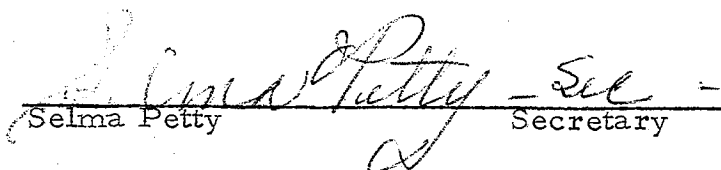
Rabbi Weiner reported that a Home Owners Association President had asked for facts concerning the Library Bond Issue Referendum be presented to his association's Board on September 9 and recommended that our Board be represented, if possible. It was decided that Mr. Erickson and Miss Radmacher would attend this meeting.

The Librarian called the attention of the Board to the art exhibit in the Lecture Room of paintings by Mr. Eugene Montgomery of Skokie.

President Green informed the Board he had consented to talk at the meeting of the Illinois Library Association Annual Conference Friday night, October 29, 1965 at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel.

Discussion of the agenda for the September 19 meeting followed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.


Selma Petty - Sec -
Secretary