

November 8, 1978

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held on November 8, 1978 at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Rabbi Karl Weiner, President; Diana Hunter; Dr. John M. Wozniak; Walter B. Flintrup; Richard C. Lindberg; Shirley Merritt; Norma L. Zatz; Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Before convening the meeting, the Board members went on a visit to the Adult Services Department. After returning to the Board Room, President Weiner called the meeting to order.

On motion of Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mrs. Zatz, and unanimously adopted, the minutes of the meeting of October 19, 1978 were approved. Mr. Flintrup abstained from voting because of his absence at that meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Dr. Wozniak, on roll call vote was carried unanimously:

MOTION: That the financial statements for the General Operating Fund, Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings, and the Library Construction Fund for the month of October be accepted and the lists of bills for the General Operating Fund in the amounts of \$17,950.04 and \$18,017.54 be approved for payment, subject to audit.

Mrs. Hunter spoke of having visited Mr. Balter's studio to view the sculpture and was satisfied with the progress of the work.

The Circulation Report for October 1978 was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Reciprocal Borrowing report was ordered placed on file.

The Book Bag Sale report was reviewed.

The Library Use Statistics report was ordered placed on file.

Letters were received from: Emil Winograd, Adult Program Coordinator of the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, thanking the Library staff for its cooperation of the program on Monday, October 16, 1978; Thomas H. Keller, Jr., Chairman Exhibits Program of Midwest Pharmaceutical Advertising Club, in appreciation for the exhibit at the October 12, 1978 meeting; Robert R. McClarren, System Director, NSLS, giving information to assist in contacting legislators urging support for the funding of library systems; and Elinor Dahmer, Chairman Trustee Training Committee, Board of Directors, NSLS, informing of the first of a two-part workshop in library finance and budgeting, to be held on November 30, 1978 at 8 p.m. at the NSLS System Center.

Copy of the covering letter to Mrs. Kathryn J. Gesterfield, Director, Illinois State Library from Miss Radmacher, transmitting the Skokie Public Library application for the Per Capita Grant under the Illinois Public Libraries FY 1979 Per Capita Program was distributed to the Board along with a copy of the application.

Miss Radmacher discussed the personnel appointments.

Mrs. Hunter discussed the I.L.A. meeting which she attended. She gave a description of what libraries will be in the year 2000 with new technology and the usefulness of computers. Mr. Flintrup stated that the computer technology can be used today in any institution - that everything is available now; that we must look carefully into what is current in the technology area for libraries. The system is moving dramatically towards computerization and should be given consideration. We have money available for quick movement into this area. The

public is moving faster than institutions. Mrs. Hunter stated that we are lagging behind and that we should set up another demonstration at the Library by CLSI so that we can be apprised of what is going on.

Mr. Flintrup explained that the future does not see books in libraries. Books will be taped, etc. It will not be necessary to leave home to get books. Everything will be geared to machines. Rabbi Weiner stated that it is the obligation of the Library to examine this with professionals to help us.

The following motion was made by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Dr. Wozniak, and on roll call was unanimously carried:

MOTION: That the Library accept with appreciation the donation by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fellin of a painting entitled Carousel by Richard Neiman.

Miss Radmacher will acknowledge the acceptance of their gift. It was explained that all items of value in the Library are insured.

Rabbi Weiner announced that the Fine Arts Commission called various groups engaged in the pursuit of arts for the purpose of exploring development of cooperation and efforts by the arts community in Skokie for mutual support, etc. Representatives of the Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra feel that the Library has facilities that can be used, for instance, for string quartets, etc. There are various groups that must raise funds, and the policy of the Library with reference to admission charges for use of the facilities will have to be considered. We should explore the rules that exist in other libraries.

It is possible to change the tone of the Village for interest in the art community. The existence of the Fine Arts Commission should be made more visible. Very few people know about it at present. The Library should be concerned about the arts community. Consideration should be given to the implementation of making the Library the art center of the Village.

Miss Radmacher explained that the Chicago Public Library does have some programs that require an admission fee. President Weiner suggested that Dorothy Litwin, Chairman of the Fine Arts Commission, be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss this matter. Mr. Flintrup stated that the Library today is the leader of the arts in the Village. Rabbi Weiner recommended that there are certain activities for which there can be a charge; and that we should ask ourselves if we are doing everything we can do for the arts in the community. At the next meeting Miss Radmacher will give the policies of other libraries. Mr. Lindberg asked why we can't be leaders instead of followers.

Mr. Flintrup stated that the Skokie Symphony Orchestra is a corporation not for profit. Mrs. Hunter stated that we do not want to jeopardize any grants because we are making a profit. President Weiner recommended that this matter be given further consideration and discussion. No specific action is necessary at this time, but that more information should be forthcoming.

Mrs. Merritt inquired if anything has been done about the lighting on the Village Green. Miss Radmacher stated that she has discussed this with Bud Hohns and that the Village is investigating the most advantageous arrangements for lighting. Rabbi Weiner talked with Mayor Smith and they decided that the two Boards should meet to discuss the Village Green as a

whole, taking into consideration the sculpture, etc. Mrs. Merritt stated that at least the bushes should be trimmed.

Mr. Flintrup in discussing NSLS reported that the CAP program was extended and enlarged so that we will be getting more money from the System than we had in the past. One concern is that when funds become available many more libraries will want to participate. The System is moving rapidly into the area of the computer. The System has installed a computer system and will employ full time personnel to operate it. There is a growing concern throughout the state that the State Library is diminishing in its effectiveness. The State Library is losing a good percentage of its professional staff. They have not been able to fill high level good positions, because the state policy relative to employing only Illinois residents and the salary structure will not attract good personnel. A committee will be sent to Springfield to meet with state representatives relative to changing those two policies. A request will be made to recruit personnel from other states and to remedy the salary structure. Funding was approved to hire a person to lobby for the overturn of the veto for full funding.

With reference to an Arlington Heights Library policy, Mr. Flintrup questioned whether it is legal, and that this may be the beginning of the end of reciprocal borrowing in the System. This should be watched carefully. We can then decide what to do about reciprocal borrowing.

A discussion of the Application for Per Capita Grant Under Illinois Public Libraries FY 1979 Per Capita Program followed. Since there is no notification of deadlines for grants, Mr. Lindberg suggested that someone should be responsible for learning when the applications are due.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Flintrup, and carried unanimously.

MOTION: That each year, at the proper time, the Skokie Public Library send a formal letter of request for revenue by registered mail, if necessary, and receive a confirmation in writing from both the Village and the Township.

The proper time for requests is the first of the year. This item should be put on the agenda for the December meeting. Mrs. Hunter stated that we will get certified copies of our requests from the County Clerk's office.

Miss Radmacher explained that CETA has new insurance requirements with which we have complied. They also requested our application be under \$50,000.

With reference to the security system, Mr. Lindberg has been unable to contact the party with the necessary information but will have a report for the December meeting. He again referred to the 10 percent from CETA for materials be allocated to the security targets.

A motion was made by Mr. Flintrup, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, and unanimously adopted:

MOTION: That the Title VI Projects, Contract Attachment A, Units of Government, with reference to insurance, be adopted by the Skokie Public Library.

Rabbi Weiner recommended that the roof problem be referred to the roof committee.

A meeting was requested by Mr. Schiewe and Johnson Controls to discuss Johnson's performance with reference to the revised contract of May 1, 1978. Representatives from the Skokie Public Library Board, which will include Mr. Lindberg, Mr. Di Leonardi, the Library attorney, and Mr. Schiewe will meet with representatives of Johnson Controls as soon as a convenient time can be arranged. Mr. Flintrup and Dr. Wozniak will try to attend the meeting, too.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hunter, that the Skokie Public Library be closed on December 31, 1978. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wozniak and unanimously adopted.

The following lists, etc. were distributed to the Board members:

November Calendar of Events

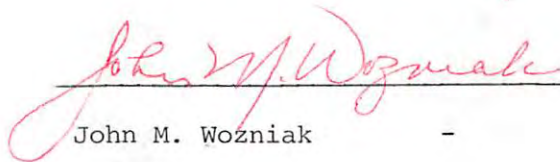
Great Books Newsletter, November 1978

October and November Exhibits Lists

Press Releases (7)

Selected List of Recent Acquisitions, October, 1978.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.



John M. Wozniak

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Secretary