

January 12, 1972

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Skokie Public Library Board of Trustees, held January 12, 1972, in the Conference Room of the Library.

On roll call the following members were present: Terry Engel, Diana Hunter, Howard V. Hummer, Richard Lindberg, Selma Petty, and John Wozniak, Miss Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Also present: Messrs. James Hammond and Thomas Beeby of Hammond, Beeby and Associates and Mrs. Milton Estes, observer for the League of Women Voters.

~~In the absence of the President, Vice President Howard Hummer presided.~~

Minutes of the meeting held December 8, 1971 were read and approved on motion by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Dr. Wozniak. Motion carried.

Financial statements for the General Operating Fund, Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings, Construction Fund and North Suburban Library System Coordinated Acquisitions Program on American Literature were accepted and ordered placed on file.

Motion by Mrs. Petty seconded by Mr. Lindberg which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the list of bills for the General Operating Fund, in the amount of \$18,545.84; the Library Construction Fund in the amounts of \$153,108.03 and \$2,009.10; and the North Suburban Library System - CAP in the amount of \$603.16 be approved for payment.

Circulation Report for the month of December, 1971 and NSLS RBP Statistics and Chicago Borrowers were accepted and ordered placed on file.

Miss Radmacher asked the Board if they wished to continue receiving photocopies of the invoices paid from the Construction Fund Account. The answer was in the affirmative.

Miss Radmacher discussed personnel and advised the Board of the resignation of Miss Peggy Deitz and the appointment of Mrs. Roberta Arbit, full time children's librarian.

Mr. Hummer reporting on the North Suburban Library System stated the scope of his report is listed on the agenda. He stated his appreciation of the Board's handling

of the reciprocal borrowing program at the December meeting. Mr. Charles Hug attended the NSLS Board meeting with Mr. Hummer. Reciprocal borrowing was discussed at length and when the vote was taken on the agreement between Chicago Public Library and the System Mr. Hummer abstained (on advice of Mr. Hug) but was criticized for his action. He explained the Skokie position with Lincolnwood and the decision of the Skokie Public Library Board to do nothing until that situation has been resolved. Mr. Hummer felt the entire matter had been handled just right and this Board should do nothing at present.

~~Copies of legal advisories pertaining to the Illinois Minimum Wage Law and Public Libraries and the Illinois Unemployment Compensation Act and Public Libraries were given to each Board member for their information.~~

Copies of a booklet entitled SCOPE which was prepared and distributed by the North Suburban Library System were distributed.

Mr. Hummer requested Board members to make a note of three dates of the Workshop "The Trustee and Public Library Standards" to be held in February. Mr. Hummer has been serving on the committee responsible for setting up the workshop and he asked that each Board member try to attend one of the three.

Enrichment grant in the amount of \$3,431.35 has been allocated to this Library as a provision of the Library Resources Enrichment for the Network of Public Library Systems in Illinois. This money is to be earmarked for certain purposes. Miss Radmacher explained the System has requested each library to select something they would like to have in the System's collection.

A copy of the December 15, 1971 NOR'EASTER was distributed to each member. Mr. Hummer called the Board's attention to a story on page 4 of the progress of the Skokie Public Library addition.

The North Suburban Library System is planning all day tours of its facilities March 14, 15 and 18, and has invited library personnel and trustees to participate. They have asked for a commitment by January 17 of the number of staff to attend and trustee reservations may be made later - no date set.

Mr. Hummer reported briefly on the deferred compensation program on which he

has been compiling information for North Suburban Library System. His plans to report on it were curtailed by the Board appointing two more persons to serve on his committee. A second source will be investigated and a full report will be made to the System Board at a later date.

The System is looking for a site around Palwaukee Airport on which to build. They have the money for a building and must go ahead with it.

The question was asked of the status of the Skokie Public Library contract with Chicago Public Library. Miss Radmacher replied that CPL is honoring it and made mention that our contract states "90 days written notice for breaking the contract." She also reported that Rabbi Weiner has tried for some time to have a meeting with Mayor Proessel regarding the Lincolnwood situation. The Mayor has turned this project over to a committee and has asked that Rabbi Weiner meet with Mrs. Marilyn Schneider. Mrs. Jane Beederman, one of our reference librarians and a Lincolnwood resident is on the committee, too. Rabbi Weiner and Miss Radmacher will meet with this committee in the near future.

The Illinois State Bar Association Local Government Law Section Midyear Meeting will be held Friday, January 21, 1972 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. Mrs. Hunter, who is serving on the Legislative Committee of the System, will attend as will Mr. Terry Engel and Mr. Robert Di Leonardi.

Mrs. Petty, Chairman of the Building Committee, announced furnishings bids were opened January 11, 1972 at 2:00 p. m. A meeting will be held Tuesday, January 18, at 10:00 a. m. at which time the architects will give their evaluation of the bids. Mr. Hammond said it should be known the bids came in very much in line with the budget.

Since audio visual will be a separate contract, discussion of the specs written by Mr. Behrend was held and it appears necessary to have future discussion with him about the specifications.

There was discussion of a security system. Mr. Lindberg asked that this be put on the agenda for the February meeting. Miss Radmacher said the ALA Midwinter Meeting is in Chicago this month and Tattle Tape will have an exhibit which she would appreciate having the Board members visit.

Distributed to each member was a copy of the Skokie Great Books Newsletter


January, 1972; Fine Arts in Focus; and Selected List of Recent Acquisitions and January, 1972 Calendar of Events.

Miss Radmacher advised the Board that Mr. Hammond had sent an agreement covering supervision and installation of the furniture and furnishings to Rabbi Weiner for signing. After discussion the following motion was made by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mrs. Petty which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the contract dated January 7, 1972 with Hammond Beeby and Associates covering supervision and installation of the furniture and furnishings be accepted and the President be authorized to sign it.

The Librarian reported on progress regarding the cottage at 5219 Oakton Street.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p. m.


Selma Petty - Secretary