

December 10, 1975

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held December 10, 1975 in the Library, at 5:30 p. m.

Members present: Walter Flintrup, Diana Hunter, Richard Lindberg, Shirley Merritt, Norma Zatz and Rabbi Karl Weiner, Miss Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Also present: Mr. Robert McClarren, Director of the North Suburban Library System, Mr. Seymour Nordenberg, President of the North Suburban Library System Board, Mr. Robert Di Leonardi, Counsel for the Skokie Public Library, and Mrs. Rita Bear, Observer for the League of Women Voters.

Rabbi Weiner welcomed Mr. McClarren and Mr. Nordenberg to the meeting. He explained there have been times when the Skokie Public Library Board felt the lack of clarity between this Library and the System. All these times when we have had our questions, they have been related to the Lincolnwood situation. Speaking for himself, Rabbi Weiner said that all this has been along the lines as to what is the relationship of mutuality between the System on one hand and the member libraries - who serves whom. Is the System an association of libraries enabling all of the libraries to serve better because of the cooperation through the System or is the System an independent bureaucracy of its own? Is the constituency of the library a geographic one with all those libraries who are members of the System? To say it in a different way, this Library has felt at times as a member library of the System we have not been in close touch with Mr. McClarren in the Lincolnwood situation. Rabbi Weiner wondered if no more should have been expected than having immediate and direct information given to us as the most involved member or should we have expected to be informed of what is going to be done in Lincolnwood, whether it is an appearance at the Board of Trustees of the Village or an application for Project Plus or whatever actions are taken. Very frequently we have known about them by the newspaper instead of consultation with us. Rabbi Weiner said he would have preferred the relationship would go further to one of consulting as well as informing.

Mr. Nordenberg asked if any other member would like to add to this, and,

if not, he will. He said to remember, please that he is a System trustee and shares the feelings expressed. Therefore, he can give only some answers to the questions. The early parts of the questions are relatively easy to respond to. The System is indeed a representation of 35 member libraries created by libraries and to work for libraries. In about 99 o/o of their efforts the benefits seem to accrue across the board to all libraries and do not raise any particular issues. Primarily what a System does is to enable an individual library to enjoy certain things that by itself it could not accomplish. Any questions as to who works for whom, the systems were set up by arrangements within the State. This, again, had to be planned rather than eventual, either on a policy basis or within a staff structure. Mr. Nordenberg said he can speak for Mr. McClarren in terms of communications. He has found him to be outstanding. The multiplicity of things that come about would probably make it very difficult for him or anyone else to pick upon individual items and go back over the ground time and time again. What Mr. Nordenberg has heard of the Lincolnwood situation, the big question comes about as a reporter getting on the phone and asking the usual questions and the sudden emergence of back door discussions that took place between a member of Lincolnwood and another System. When this happened and was brought to the System Board's attention, do not think there was any question about what the attitude of the System Board was. The Board came down as heavy as it was able to do. Talking from the generalities, Mr. Nordenberg asked if anyone could pick up from that and relate to a specific situation so an attempt can be made to respond or apologize, if necessary. Also, geographically, the Systems in 1965 or 66 were drawn out. Lines were drawn and the formula was based totally on the geographic area and population within it. Skokie sits on the edge of a System.

Mr. Flintrup pointed out that the present situation could very well pop up anywhere. Just as it did elsewhere.

Rabbi Weiner asked for an explanation of one aspect. Early in the Lincolnwood situation there was a newspaper article, correctly or incorrectly, stating that Mr. McClarren was quoted as saying, "they could establish a store front, join the System,

and go and use the Skokie Public Library." Rabbi Weiner talked with Mr. McClarren and complained about the fact that we found this out through the newspapers and were concerned with this. Apparently we are not the ones to be considered, informed and consulted and he was made to understand the System's accountability was to Lincolnwood as much as to us because of the geographic area.

Mr. Nordenberg said that just before Mr. McClarren speaks, for himself, he stands for the four square library, the ultimate way to give library service to the State of Illinois. It is true a system which collects through the formula of per capita and per square mile for the total area, has incumbent upon it to try to provide service to non-serviced areas. Twenty percent of the State of Illinois is unserved. This System has only four percent unserved and would like to be 100 o/o served.

Mr. McClarren thinks it is an appropriate response although the initial response did not come through the way he intended it to be. It came in a different sense from his belief and conception. It is extremely difficult to execute a policy in a system that exists in a strong library area. We do have a responsibility to these libraries and those who join but an overall responsibility to the entire area. The System has several policies of long standing which lead us to this kind of problem. The System has a policy for development of library service in areas without library service. The Project Plus is a way to build in these areas. This System has had more Project Plus awarded than any other in the State. There is consultation with the lawyer, public relations office and election office incidental to it and concurrently authorizing opening of any system services. Those policies stand and that direction stands now when we are working with or for Project Plus. The question was asked that if we have Project Plus initiated what service will be received. The answer was you will be eligible for library service and reciprocal borrowing with any member of the System and this has been determined by the System Board. Mr. McClarren said he should say before this in the history of System experience, some Lincolnwood citizens came and asked for advice and guidance in the establishment of library service. This was before the days of citizens group and the referendum which was unsuccessful. Since that referendum three years ago we have

had occasional inquiries from Lincolnwood and these were sporadic and unorganized until the League came to them and asked for know-how in their study. As a result the System gave them information on what could be done under the law and also informed them of Project Plus. Lincolnwood asked the System to put in a Project Plus and this is recorded in four or five minutes of meetings. Communications go to the representatives and the library in this case also had informal conversations with Miss Radmacher and Mrs. Hunter talking about the possibility of extension of service and problems at this time. Also, Council and members of the League were involved and they touched all bases. This lead us up to the point where the newspapers picked it up. Mr. McClarren apologized for it but stated it was a communication he assumed was well known that this was something that was being done. It was not totally unknown and he was surprised that Skokie was not informed. His feeling was the System's primary interest was in serving the System's unserved.

Rabbi Weiner thanked Mr. McClarren for the explanation and said there is one more step to be qualified - the one concern weought to be definitely clear about before we can turn to what is really important - the issue he would like to have specifically spelled out. Rabbi Weiner said he recognizes there are the two mandates - one to areas unserved as well as served and the other to the constituent libraries and he realizes sometimes they can pull against each other. He would like to be sure both mandates are properly balanced and asked beyond the point of communicating what the System is doing or has been doing beyond this. Rabbi Weiner asked for a prior consultation so that the existing library has an opportunity to be recognized as having a special relationship to the situation and special interest and thus be allowed to be consulted and have an input into whatever move will be made.

Mr. McClarren replied there is no question about this. Mr. Nordenberg said he would be adamant about this.

Mr. McClarren stated before he left his office he received a phone call about the Lincolnwood situation. The Press asked questions and a man in his position who knows this situation naturally responds as his instinct and knowledge tells him to.

He would agree completely that the Board concerned should know what is afoot. Mr. McClarren stated that his professional goal is that wherever an area is unserved he will do what he can to establish service. That is his goal and thinks however this can be brought to where you have a larger usage on a permanent basis, whatever can be done to achieve that obviously has the priority. If it cannot be done that way then it must be second choice and he should try to find a way to bring this about on a larger permanent basis.

Mr. Nordenberg said on the question of store front libraries, he began to study the law and came up with the fact that a so-called store front library could qualify not because the law said a store front library is o. k. but because the law did not say it was not o. k. He has asked for a definition of what is a library and there has not yet been an answer forthcoming. Mr. Nordenberg said the System Board is trying to do its best to build a strong association and he hopes that future boards will deal with the fairest possible methods.

Rabbi Weiner said he believes we are satisfied if he may assume we have cleared the air between us. Rabbi Weiner sent a letter to the State Librarian indicating regrets that Skokie representatives could not attend her meeting on such short notice but he thought that she was in a position to convene another meeting so this whole question could be clarified. Mr. McClarren said he feels sure the Director of the State Library is preparing a proposal. She would respond cautiously so there is not much evidence but she would respect Mr. Lerner's request that she come back by the 31st of December and he is sure she is proceeding that way.

Mr. Lerner has made statements the Project was rejected and Mr. Ancel said it was not rejected but postponed. Mayor Proesel objected to Project Plus for Lincolnwood. The sub-committee which considers the Projects as they come had found what they thought was a slight irregularity for Lincolnwood as mentioned in the Dun Report which did State Library financing for the spring session of the Assembly, among its potential guidelines for Project Plus. Both Skokie and Chicago had to be two communities taking all the contiguous area. The conclusion made was that Project Plus was rejected.

Mr. Ancel said only after it was rejected they questioned negotiating with Chicago for a contract. This was the basis for Mr. McClarren asking Mrs. Gesterfield to call a meeting to talk about the problem with Chicago Public Library System Board and Lincolnwood. This was what he thought it would be. Mr. McClarren's interest was they were interfering with what appeared to be our System's library. He then looked for the State Library to bring up a suggestion for library service to Lincolnwood.

Mr. Flintrup asked Mr. McClarren his forecast for a Project Plus. The answer was he thinks the committee would vote to approve it. The reason is they have no basis now for not approving it unless there are other reasons for not, or by the time the decision comes up to being made the interest is gone or economic situation has changed or Lincolnwood has taken such an attitude it is untenable to proceed.

Mr. Flintrup asked if Mr. McClarren or anyone had gotten any more communication from Mr. Lerner or Chicago System as to whether they are considering in any way altering their proposal to Lincolnwood? Mr. McClarren said there is one which is laughable - they will split it with Skokie. Mr. Flintrup said he had some informal discussions with Mayor Proesel and his indication is he could not see the Village of Skokie making a proposal that would come to Lincolnwood under \$200,000. He was amazed at the offer from Chicago. Lincolnwood does a great deal of business with Chicago so it is a natural avenue of approach for Lincolnwood. So, if they were approached they understand Skokie's figure would be more than that and they would accept the \$75,000 offer. Mr. Flintrup said that leads us to what does Skokie do? Mr. McClarren said his own view is once that die has been cast this would mean we would not be vulnerable to the exposure that would come to Skokie or anyone else. Mr. Flintrup does not know if Lincolnwood is aware that the Resolution passed by North Suburban Library System would nullify any benefit they would have of our System libraries, if the contemplated contract between Chicago and Lincolnwood is consummated. He thought there may be a lack of communication on Skokie's part and System Board, to publicize the fact that the Resolution rather formally states it would look upon this as a critical situation and would terminate our contract with the Chicago System. Mr. Flintrup does not know

whether Lincolnwood has copies of that Resolution or not. It may change their attitude in trying to negotiate initially with Chicago. Mr. McClarren said Lincolnwood's Mayor Proesel received a copy of the Resolution. There has been the beginnings of a Friends organization in Lincolnwood. This group at the time of organization which was a community meeting, was given the substance of the Resolution by Mr. McClarren. It has also been given to every newspaper that called but the two who called Mr. McClarren today it seemed were calling to see what the status was and in both instances he gave them the Resolution.

Mrs. Hunter said she knows the Lincolnwood people are aware of the Resolution and she wonders if the time to throw this into the hopper is before they make some kind of an agreement and the people learn too late they cannot use the Skokie Library. The League has now withdrawn from that activity and is now not officially connected. Mr. McClarren can go the Chairman Pro Tem and urge him to be sure the people he is working with are aware of this. Mrs. Hunter asked that a press release about the Resolution and its conditions go to all newspapers. Mr. Flintrup said he thinks Lincolnwood does not believe the System would go that far. He does not know how we dispel this kind of philosophy unless we can make copies of the Resolution more readily available to more people. Mr. McClarren suggested distributing copies from this Library. There was an opinion that by going out of our way for press releases, it could be very inflammatory. This could have the adverse effect of what is wanted. Mrs. Hunter said the League did not understand and if the League did not understand and turned out the release of the study which may have misguided the people, the League would be the ones to go back to and perhaps send an addendum to their study.

Mr. Flintrup said there is a strong possibility if pushed to the wall we have one real alternative and this is to withdraw from the System. Economics of the ramifications are too numerous for us to swallow. We are in such desperate state because we do not want to do this but are left no where else to go. For us to take one-half of \$75,000 when at a rough guess we come up with \$190,000 to \$200,000 there is no way, as an

elected official, he could accept this. Mr. Flintrup thinks that if he were Mayor Proesel he would accept the city contract, let it run a year and throw it out to the citizens in a year and, knowing Lincolnwood, it would go down the drain. We are being used here in a way that no one person has control over. It is speculation that this would be the case. Mr. Flintrup also said you cannot resent a policy that has been established by the System and the State established in other areas, where people legitimately want library service. This is very worthwhile but what we have to do is have a review of the approach of Project Plus and a review of the System approach. It is unreal for a governmental agency to propose such an approach but politicians will promote this, but in the long term it would ruin the System and in the long run large libraries will withdraw. There must be a study to look this over carefully.

Mr. Nordenberg said here you are discussing a problem that indirectly affects us. In this particular case it is after the fact. The Project Plus was voted by this Board and we have to go through this to see what happens at the State level. There are some negotiations. Mr. McClarren said it is not up for approval now and will not be before March. After one year a referendum must be passed to establish library service, also another requirement is they must tax themselves at the maximum so it is not a storefront library. The philosophy here was to give it a good try for a one year term and then if it does not go that is it, but if it does the community has the responsibility from then on.

Mr. McClarren and Mr. Nordenberg retired from the meeting at 7:45 p. m.

Mr. Lindberg suggested having Counsel do a little research on this library situation and see what we can do. He also asked if there would be any legal consequences if we were to withdraw? Answer was our response to the System would be that it is costing Skokie too much money because it is the action of the System which is causing us to withdraw.

Mr. Di Leonardi reporting on arbitration said he is now in a position to recommend what he hopes would be the final settlement to dispute on construction. He



has been advised by Corrigan's attorneys of the agreement in part and now Libby Owens Ford and National Hamilton have agreed to the terms outlined in the minutes of the September 11, 1975 Board meeting in which they agree to replace the glass at one-half of the cost. Attic stock will be replaced immediately. There would be a general indemnification to the Library for personal injury not covered by Library insurance, etc. and that the whole thing would be contingent upon settling. The other attorneys have agreed on the language that would implement these points. That left the question of how do we direct the other outstanding items with Corrigan. Mr. Di Leonardi asked Mr. Hoglund to give him a listing of the projected repair cost for those other items. The total estimated cost (including about \$1700 for glazing) is roughly \$5500, of this a little over \$2500 has been expended by the Library.

Skokie owes \$20,000 that has been withheld plus \$3,000 or \$4,000 for extras. Mr. Di Leonardi had a number of discussions with the attorney for Corrigan and there is no question Corrigan has responsibility on some items. Mr. Di Leonardi would recommend Skokie pay Corrigan the balance due less \$3,000 and this would leave the Library out of pocket \$2500 for all items. According to Carl Hoglund the projected cost would be only \$9,000 to get these other items repaired. The Library would have \$4,000 to repair all glass items and \$3,000 from balance owed Corrigan. The glass items are definite. Mr. Di Leonardi will do the settling simultaneously.

Mr. Di Leonardi quoted the following as the items which figure in the settlement.

- Glass and Glazing \$1680 (through September 11)
- Roof leakage \$1233.33
- Exterior Terrazzo repair at \$1875
- Toilet partition locks \$44.00
- Keying of lock sets - no money expended and thus Library has no basis for collecting.
- Paneling and door in Librarian's office \$662.00
- Hardware in doors in several locations - no monies are involved and Library does not have the basis for retrieving anything out of this.

Mr. Di Leonardi said the Library does not want to find itself in the trial of a law suit. If Mr. Hoglund's figures are right, that is not bad.

Miss Radmacher confirmed that the idea is National Hamilton and LOF pay

fifty percent of the cost of all breakage over the next three years other than an impact break.

Rabbi Weiner suggested if the difference between Miss Radmacher's and Mr. Hoglund's figures is about \$2,000 we might still consider if we should say we paid out so many dollars, all right it is gone and here we might be paying large legal costs. Mr. Di Leonardi is not convinced we have a strong enough case to take a chance. It is worth spending \$10,000 to get all the glass replaced. Again, he has thrown into consideration the settlement of the cost if it breaks other than by impact. Mrs. Hunter asked if this is the best possible settlement we could get? Mr. Di Leonardi said it is the best he can get. Technically, we do not have a strong case. They will replace the attic stock. They will charge one-half the cost for replacements. The \$3,000 we withheld represents a settled or agreed compromise of our damages for the non-glass items. All defects are being compromised for \$3,000. Mr. Hoglund says the defects have a value of \$5500 of which the Library will get \$3,000.

Mr. Di Leonardi suggested taking photographs if more glass breaks and make certain the photograph is kept on file.

Rabbi Weiner summed it up by saying all that the Library gains is that it is done with this and knows what the loss is rather than waiting for litigation and what the loss could be at that point. It is knowing our loss and settling for it.

Mr. Flintrup made the following motion for acceptance.

Motion: Be it resolved that all matters in controversy between the Skokie Public Library and E. W. Corrigan Company, National Hamilton and Libby Owens Ford (including the pending arbitration proceedings against Corrigan) be settled on the following bases:

1. That the questions of glass breakage be settled with National Hamilton and Libby Owens Ford on the terms outlined in the Board minutes of September 11, 1975 and as set out in detail in the draft settlement agreement approved by Mr. Di Leonardi;
2. That all non-glass items be settled with E. W. Corrigan Company on the basis of withholding \$3,000 from the amount otherwise due Corrigan which total amount due Corrigan is approximately \$23,000 to \$24,000. This settlement is based upon information supplied by the architect that the approximate total cost of defective work for all items is \$5,500, of which the Skokie Public Library has expended \$2,522.33 as of October 23, 1975.

Voting was as follows: Mrs. Zatz, yes; Mrs. Merritt, yes; Mrs. Hunter, yes; Mr. Flintrup, yes; Mr. Lindberg, yes; and Rabbi Weiner, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hunter suggested Miss Radmacher get together with Mr. Hoglund and arrange for the work to be done in her office and elsewhere in the Library.

Mr. Di Leonardi said the Library can go ahead with the orders for Estey and the Carrier service.

Miss Radmacher mentioned there is a more recent elevator proposal with the Board papers. Mr. Schiewe is doing a good job and he has now gotten another proposal out of Westinghouse. Mr. Di Leonardi asked if the term is still five years and said that is the only thing that is most significant. There are other contracts for less than five years. It might be easier to deal with them if it is an annual or two year contract but a five year contract is out of line. The shorter term allows more leverage for renegotiation. Miss Radmacher said one other thing, Mr. Schiewe said one benefit of a contract, there is a union regulation which says an elevator maintenance company sends out two people on a service call, but if they come on inspection under contract they bring only one. Mrs. Zatz made the following motion.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library accept the Westinghouse elevator maintenance contract with our Counsel's points well taken into consideration.

There was discussion concerning the escalation clause. Miss Radmacher said consideration must be given to where the Library is going to put its dollars. In the past a lot of money has been spent in service calls for the elevators. Mrs. Hunter questioned the philosophy of going into annual contracts instead of straight service call costs. Her thought was if Skokie signs enough of these contracts, the book budget must be cut. This contract is for \$358 per month and Mrs. Hunter would like to have information for 1974-75 elevator maintenance. Mrs. Hunter made the following motion:

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board table the motion previously made to accept the elevator maintenance contract.

Mr. Flintrup seconded the motion and, on roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Hunter suggested by next month to have the figures on elevator maintenance for

1974-75 and, as much as can, try to calculate our next year's budget and what is committed.

Mrs. Hunter asked for an amendment to the minutes of the November Board meeting as follows: On page 3 the wording of the motion delete "this Board's dissatisfaction" and add "to discuss "the Lincolnwood situation. "

With those corrections, Mrs. Hunter moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Flintrup seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Lindberg made the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Flintrup and, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the financial statements for the General Operating Fund, Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings, Library Construction Fund be accepted and the lists of bills for the General Operating Fund in the amounts of \$796.53 and \$21,372.77 be approved for payment.

Circulation Reports for the month of November, 1975 were accepted and ordered placed on file. Mrs. Hunter suggested the increased circulation should be publicized and Mrs. Merritt suggested including what services the Library offers.

Copies of a letter from the Village Nursing Home in Skokie and one from the Japan Library Association were distributed for the Board's information.

Library Use Statistics were reviewed and approved.

Miss Radmacher advised the Board she had asked for an estimate of value of the graphics from Prestige Galleries for insurance purposes.

Personnel changes were reported by Miss Radmacher. Personnel on the bookmobile has been changed. Previously there were two people operating the service. A new employee, Robert Haake, is serving as Driver-Librarian and doing a very good job. Mrs. Zatz asked if, at the January meeting, there could be an evaluation of the possibility of a permanent stop at Emerson between Lawler and LeClair. Miss Radmacher will look at the situation and appraise its real value.

Miss Radmacher mentioned Ronald Warren is doing a good job for the Library especially in the time he spends as guard in Young People and Children's Department. Rabbi Weiner mentioned the complaints he has had concerning Mr. Hippenmeyer's handling

of patrons. He reviewed his meeting with the staff in the summer and the criticisms and recommendations. Miss Radmacher said with the addition of Ronald Warren the situation has improved. She will talk with Mr. Hippenmeyer. She repeated that it is difficult to get guards.

Mrs. Zatz reported on the Board's party for the staff to be held December 14. After the last meeting both Mrs. Zatz and Dr. Wozniak felt it would be nice for the Board to give the staff something as a gift. Miss Radmacher called Mr. Conroy Erickson of Rand McNally to ask if Rand had an inexpensive publication that could be used. Mr. Erickson donated 108 year old road atlases. Mrs. Zatz and her daughter have gift wrapped each of these. Mrs. Zatz asked the Library to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Erickson. A motion of thanks from the Board was given to Mrs. Zatz .

Regarding the piano situation, in addition to Mr. Beaver's letter which indicates his proposal, Mr. Einstein, Chairman of the Fine Arts Commission told Rabbi Weiner the Commission is very intensely concerned because Mr. Beaver indicated if the Library was not interested he would buy the piano and make the improvement on it. According to Mr. Einstein, the piano would cost \$900, strings and regulator another \$400, and refinishing would be \$450 to \$500. The whole expense would be somewhere around \$1400 and then we would have the option of buying a professional piano bench for \$200 and cover for \$120. Mr. Einstein said the Fine Arts has to go to the Village Board for expenditures over \$500 but the Library could request a subsidy from the Fine Arts Commission. Question was asked how this would compare with buying a new piano. Answer a new one would cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000. Mrs. Merritt suggested not considering the refinishing. Rabbi Weiner said he has a feeling to spend more money is not necessarily a good idea because soloists will still want their piano. Once the Library has purchased the piano, including the repair service, if the Fine Arts bring in an artist who wants to tune the piano or rent another piano that is the Fine Arts problem. Rabbi Weiner urged the Board once and for all to say "yes" or "no." Motion by Mrs. Hunter which was seconded by Mr. Lindberg and, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library purchase the Nudleman's piano and renovate the piano as stated in Mr. Beaver's letter, excluding refinishing.

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

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library at least pursue asking the Fine Arts Commission to contribute \$900 toward this purchase, and that a statement of our policy be written that the piano will be available to the Fine Arts Commission in a condition acceptable to the Skokie Public Library. If this condition does not meet the needs of all artists using the piano, such as sponsored by the Fine Arts Commission, they will have to alter it to suit themselves.

Regarding the Personnel Audit, Miss Radmacher expressed her thanks to Mr. Lindberg and Mr. Flintrup for their time in going over Dr. Miller's report. She is going to get in print all comments made. Mr. Lindberg said among the three of them the Library should have a well developed personnel code. Rabbi Weiner suggested when it is finished and the copy is ready a special meeting should be called to adopt the audit. Mr. Flintrup's suggestion was to give the Board a revised report to read. At the next scheduled Board meeting take half of it or ten pages and work on that. The remaining ten pages could be reviewed at the following Board meeting.

Mr. Flintrup had no report on the North Suburban Library System Board because there has been no meetings.

Miss Radmacher reported the Board previously had approved Mr. Schiewe going ahead with Carrier doing the five year overhaul. There is something else that Carrier say is needed. A device installed in the machine because of Johnson Service turning the system of and on by remote control. Carrier and Mr. Schiewe said they were not aware of this when they recommended remotely controlling our mechanical equipment. If you turn on a machine, oil must be at a certain temperature for it to function properly. If you do this manually you turn the oil on automatically, but this cannot be done mechanically when controlled remotely (outside our building). The device would cost \$650 in addition to an amount previously approved. Mr. Schiewe thinks it should be done and our equipment is in possible jeopardy if it is not done. Mr. Schiewe will go back to Johnson and see if he can get them to share some of this cost. Motion by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Flintrup which, on roll call vote,

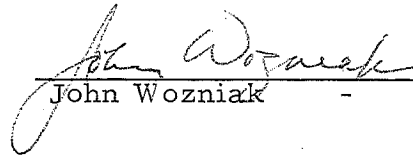
carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library authorize Carrier to install the oil heater not to exceed the amount of \$650 plus the necessary electrical work.

Mr. Flintrup reported he was approached by Mayor Smith telling him the Village is contemplating putting Mooney's arches on the Village Green. The artist's theory of this set of arches as an entrance. It lights from the inside. The Village is contemplating putting it in the middle area of the Green and constructing some kind of walk straight across from the sidewalk of the parking lot to the curb of the street. Mr. Flintrup thinks this may be a way to precipitate discussion of improvement of the Green for which there is some money. Rabbi Weiner asked Mr. Flintrup to go back to Mayor Smith and see what his proposal would be and have a mock-up model to scale. This Board would like to have an idea about the total scheme of the Green.

Mrs. Hunter asked about the Ethics Act Code and was informed it goes to two places, Secretary of State and County Clerk.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p. m. on motion by Mr. Flintrup.



John Wozniak

Secretary