

June 10, 1964

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library, held in the Conference Room of the Library, June 10, 1964 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Also present: James W. Hammond, Peter Roesch, architects, and Mrs. M. Sarver.

Minutes of the regular meeting held May 13 and the special meeting held May 27, 1964, copies of which had previously been distributed, were approved as read.

Motion by Mr. Louis Weingart and seconded by Mrs. W. C. Griffin.

Motion: That the financial reports for the General Fund, Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings, and the Construction Fund be accepted.

All votes were affirmative.

Motion by Mrs. W. C. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Conroy Erickson.

Motion: That the list of bills in the amount of six thousand seven hundred thirty-six dollars and thirty-four cents (\$6,736.34) from the General Fund be approved for payment.

All votes were affirmative.

At this time the President requested Mr. Hammond and Mr. Roesch to give their presentation of preliminary plans for a branch library. A summary of areas totaling 10,700 square feet was given as follows: Adults, 5,000; Children, 3,700; Circulation, 700; Work Room, 500; Branch Librarian's Office, 150; Staff Lounge and Toilets, 350; and Storage, 300. Technical Services Department will be in the main building only and, therefore, a work room of only 500 square feet was necessary in the branch. There will be no special services, such as Audio Visual, etc. Circulation Department will be

located to have overall supervision. The plans require a total area of 13,400 square feet for the entire building. Parking space for 35 cars and 25 bicycles has been provided. Standards used for the various types of areas are the same as in the central building program. The branch will be a simply organized building.

Considering division of the property, the school would use the first two lots, or No. 1 and 2, and possibly No. 3, which would mean the balance would have to be purchased by the Library. A suggestion that some financial help might be had if the school would pay for half the land and half the paving for the parking area which will be used jointly. Also, if the Board would talk to Mayor Greisdorf about having a by-pass made below the point of the property and setting the triangle off as a traffic island. Thus the Village would buy that small piece which cannot be used to any advantage in erection of the branch and would reduce the Library's investment in property.

The plans show the pedestrian entrance and automobile drive off Kenton Road. From the parking lot there will be a slight rise of steps into the entrance. The building will be set up a little to afford a view over the traffic rather than into it. The square feet needed and the division of the parcels of ground could be 83,000 square feet of ground for the library; 92,000 square feet for the School District and 11,250 square feet for the Village, making the cost to the School District \$150,000, Village of Skokie \$18,300, and the Library \$135,500. This division takes into consideration a combined parking area.

At this point a rendering of the building was shown which revealed a square building 110 x 110, with a 10 ft. overhang. The question was asked - whether the configuration of the piece of property prohibits putting the front of the building facing Gross Point Road and the parking on Kenton Avenue side. The architects replied that their idea was to have the building as far away from traffic as possible, and the parking against Gross Point Road rather than the quiet street, with the possibility of having a bus stop or place to discharge passengers on the Gross Point Road.

Mr. Green explained that the main purpose of the presentation was to see what parcels of land could and should be used by the Library. This is a preliminary plan only.

The President announced that 7:00 p.m. was the time of the meeting July 11, in the Lecture Room.

Mr. Hammond and Mr. Roesch retired from the meeting.

The Board accepted the Circulation Report for the month of May and the President ordered that it be placed on file.

The proposed salary increases were presented to the Board. Motion by Mr. Weingart and seconded by Mrs. Griffin.

Motion: That the recommendations for salaries for the Library staff for 1964-1965 be approved and made retroactive to May 1, 1964.

All votes were affirmative.

Mr. Green informed the Board that the Masonic Lodge had been in touch with him regarding the sale of the property at Gross Point and Kenton and would like an answer about whether the Library is interested in purchasing it. Mr. Green stated the Masons appeared to be willing to accept any financial arrangement the Library could work out and, by getting the property as the Masons are offering it, would tend to set the price for the land in that area.

Discussion followed about the manner of presenting the plans for expansion of this building and erection of a branch library to Mayor Greisdorf at the special meeting June 11 and it was decided that Mr. Green will present the expansion plans first and then the plans for the branch, stating that this is the package the Library would like and request the Village to view it with the idea of deciding how they can build around it.

Miss Radmacher announced that Mr. Gibbs had telephoned her and asked to have a meeting of the School Board and Library Board within the next few days or week. The members of the Board were unable to set a date within this time.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Weingart.

  
Selma Petty, Secretary