

September 11, 1963

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library was held September 11, 1963, in the Conference Room of the Skokie Public Library.

Present: L. O. Green, Mrs. Selma Petty, Rabbi Karl Weiner, Louis Weingart, and Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian. Also present: Mrs. M. Sarver, for the recording of the minutes.

The president, L. O. Green, presided.

Recommendation was made that the minutes of the previous meeting carry the signature of Mrs. Selma Petty, per M. Sarver, due to the absence of Mrs. Petty, official secretary, from that meeting. Otherwise, the minutes were approved as read.

Financial reports for the General Fund, Construction Fund, and Reserve Building Fund were submitted to the members of the Board. Rabbi Weiner made the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Weingart.

Motion: That the financial report for the General Fund, showing a cash balance of \$46,269.79, at August 31, 1963, be accepted.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Construction Fund and Reserve Building Fund financial reports were ordered to be filed.

Motion for the payment of bills in the amount of \$8,883.15 was made by Mrs. Petty and seconded by Mr. Weingart.

Motion: That the list of bills, dated September 11, 1963, in the amount of \$8,883.15, be passed for payment.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Librarian asked the Board to establish a policy regarding cataloging books for publishers who have requested this service. Rabbi Weiner made the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Weingart.

Motion: At the present time the Board is willing to have Skokie Public Library do cataloging for certain publishers, payment for which will consist of a credit line on the card and a free copy of the book.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Downtown Merchants Association of Skokie have purchased the award-winning piece of art (a painting by Tim Meier) judged at the Skokie Art Guild fair this summer, which they want to present to the Skokie Public Library for display and as a part of a permanent art collection. Miss Radmacher asked the Board to establish a policy for acceptance and display of such collection. The following recommendation, in the form of a motion, was made by Rabbi Weiner and seconded by Mr. Weingart.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board have an understanding with the Skokie Art Guild that, under the proviso that from year to year the Board examine its policy and, on that principle, accept the idea of becoming the repository for their annual award-winning piece of art, and, when this piece passes into their possession, the Board is solely in charge of where it will be placed in the Library.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board was asked if there should be any exception made, or policy established, regarding issuing library cards to persons who own property in Skokie for rental purposes, but do not reside in the area. Discussion was tabled for the present.

Announcement was made of the ILA meeting to be held October 31 - November 2, 1963, at North Aurora.

Following the president's request for a statement from the Board for approval of condemnation proceedings on property adjacent to the Library, if this should become necessary in order to purchase it for expansion of this building, recommendation was made that any action of that kind taken should be in conjunction with the Village of Skokie, and that Mr. Green continue to negotiate with the owners.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p. m.


Selma Petty, Secretary