

August 13, 1975

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held August 13, 1975 in the Library, at 5:30 p. m.

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

Also present: Robert J. Di Leonardi, Counsel for the Board.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p. m. by President Karl Weiner.

Rabbi Weiner asked Mr. Di Leonardi to give his report on arbitration and other legal opinions requested of him. Mr. Di Leonardi reported no progress in any settlement. Consensus was to proceed with arbitration with as much speed as possible since efforts to reach some kind of compromise appear to be exhausted.

Miss Radmacher asked Mr. Di Leonardi to take a quick look at the statement for the confidentiality of records.

Mrs. Hunter asked about the Lincolnwood situation. Mr. Di Leonardi verified that Rabbi Weiner had received Mr. Jurgensmeyer's letter refuting the opinion stated by one of his associates. Rabbi Weiner said the question was whether Lincolnwood has the legal power to enter into a contract with Skokie Public Library without having their own library by referendum. Mr. Di Leonardi summarized that it is his feeling they do have the power to enter into a contract without voting their own referendum. Rabbi Weiner said at a meeting with Mayor Proesel and Deputy Clerk Arends, the point was made that Skokie is willing to enter into any kind of an arrangement which would be equitable to the people in Skokie. One basis of thinking was on a per capita basis wherein Lincolnwood would have to pay as much to the Library as our own people in Skokie and to include not only the cost of our own operating budget but also the cost of amortization of our mortgage. Mr. Arends has said library service is being handled by a committee which will present its decisions to the Lincolnwood Board. Mr. Arends asked

for figures on the total referendum that is amortized each year and the rate we would be required to pay it. Miss Radmacher will get this information from Mr. Hibner. Mr. Flintrup reported on the North Suburban Library System involvement in a Project Plus for Lincolnwood.

Mr. Di Leonardi retired from the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held July 9, 1975 were accepted and approved on motion by Mr. Flintrup seconded by Mrs. Zatz. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time the Board adjourned from the regular meeting to consider and discuss the remaining portion of the Personnel Audit. A separate report is made for that portion of the meeting.

Resuming the agenda for the regular meeting, Mr. Flintrup reporting on the North Suburban Library System Board meeting said it was a quick meeting revolving around the budget which was balanced by taking some of the surplus funds they have accumulated. He was appointed to the Central Serials Service Committee. This seems to be one of the System programs that has caught on and is growing by leaps and bounds. The projection is for 118 percent growth for the next fiscal year and the costs will go up. This committee has been appointed to very carefully examine the program and make some recommendations.

Financial statement and lists of bills were distributed and examined. The following motion was made by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mrs. Merritt which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the financial statements for the General Operating Budget, Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings, Library Construction Fund and North Suburban Library System Coordinated Acquisitions Program on Literature be accepted and the lists of bills for the General Operating Fund in the amounts of \$528.24 and \$17,551.15; Library Construction Fund in the amount of \$197.50; and the NSLS CAP in the amount of \$397.62 be approved for payment.

Circulation Reports were accepted and ordered placed on file.

Mrs. Hunter mentioned that in view of the present economics and since the

Library Budget is based on a certain equalizer, Miss Radmacher should talk with Mr. Hibner, Finance Director for the Village of Skokie, to determine if the Library will collect all the money necessary. If not, then the Library must adjust and it would be better to anticipate any cut backs now.

Miss Radmacher reported on changes in personnel.

Library Use Statistics were distributed to the Board.

The news that Ms. Merle Jacob was the recipient of the \$3,000 David H. Clift Scholarship was pleasantly received by the Board. Ms. Jacob volunteered and conducted a series of programs in this Library on the American Revolution during the past year. It was the Board's consensus that a letter of congratulations should be sent to her under Rabbi Weiner's signature. He will do this.

Miss Radmacher reported a request was received from someone who wanted to teach Hebrew in this Library. About ten classes will be held Wednesday mornings during the winter.

Reporting on securing a plaque for Dr. Richard Telingator, former member of the Board, Miss Radmacher said she had contacted Mr. Avram Roitman, of the A. C. Rehberger Company. A plaque 8-1/2 x 11-1/4, inside measurements, solid walnut with a thin piece of brass engraved would cost \$50. This is called scratch engraving and is the least expensive one available. The next priced one is 1/8" solid bronze, machine engraved, with black filled in. The engraving is mounted on walnut plaque and the price is \$100. Both plaques are 8-1/2 x 11-1/4". They also have one for \$150. Mrs. Hunter suggested Miss Radmacher call Cal Sütker at Niles Township Democratic Headquarters and inquire about their source. Rabbi Weiner instructed Miss Radmacher if she found a cheaper source, order it from there, otherwise go through with the \$50 one.

Miss Radmacher reported another window has broken which is the first one north to south in Technical Services Department.

The Village contacted the Library stating a diseased elm tree on the west

side of its property should be removed. Miss Radmacher contacted Mr. Bud Hohs about having it removed. The Village will take it out.

Since the Library complies with the needs of the handicapped, permission was asked to display an International Symbol of Access plaque on the outside of the Library. The Board approved of this and Mrs. Hunter suggested talking with Jack Greenburg at the Village Hall to see about a press release on the presentation.

On the subject of Intellectual Freedom, Miss Radmacher reminded the Board that in 1956 the Library Bill of Rights was adopted by the Skokie Public Board of Directors. A statement of labeling, written by ALA, was presented to the Board along with a Resolution of the Confidentiality of Library Records, for adoption. After discussion, the following motion was made by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Dr. Wozniak which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board of Directors adopt the Resolution on the Policy of Confidentiality of Library Records as revised and adopted by the American Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee, July 2, 1975.

Copy of the Resolution is attached hereto.

Miss Radmacher presented prepared Guidelines for Exhibitors in the Library and asked the Board's approval. The following motion was made by Mrs. Hunter which was seconded by Mrs. Merritt and, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.


Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board of Directors add the Guidelines for Exhibitors, as prepared by Miss Radmacher, to its policies and practices for utilization of the exhibition area and library facilities.

Copies of seven press releases, copy of LJ/SLJ HOTLINE, November 11, 1975 - Statement on Toronto Boards, Skokie Public Library Annual Report 1974-75, "Summer is Reading," Vol. 1 Ed. 1, prepared by the Young People and Children's Department, August Calendar of Events, booklists "Love Stories," and "Selected List of Recent Acquisitions, July, 1975" were distributed to the Board.

Miss Radmacher informed the Board one of the Library employees, Stuart Oserman, has given a series of programs for Young People and Children's

Department on ham radio. She called this to the attention of HOT LINE. The editor of HOT LINE requested an article and photographs for printing in the SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL. Stuart Oserman has written the article which, along with photographs, has been submitted.

Motion for adjournment was made by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mrs. Merritt, at 9:50 p. m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John Wozniak - Secretary