

November 9, 1966

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held November 9, 1966 in the Conference Room of the Library.

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

Also present: Mrs. David Einhorn, representative from the League of Women Voters.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin seconded by Mr. Kraft.

Motion: That Rabbi Karl Weiner be appointed temporary chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Skokie Public Library.

All ayes.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin seconded by Mr. Kraft.

Motion: That Rabbi Karl Weiner, as Temporary Chairman, be empowered to act as Chairman for the Board between Board meetings and this motion be recorded in the minutes.

All ayes.

Rabbi Weiner requested permission to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of October 12.

Mrs. Petty, Secretary, read the minutes of the special meeting held November 4, at 3:30 p.m. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved as read.

Financial statements for the General Operating Fund and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings were accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin seconded by Mr. Kraft.

Motion: That the list of bills payable in the amount of eleven thousand one hundred eighty-six dollars and thirty-one cents (\$11,186.31) be approved for payment

All ayes.

Circulation Report for the month of October was approved and ordered to be placed on file.

The Librarian advised the Board of a new appointment to the staff of the Children's Department of the Library.

The Librarian discussed with the Board the advantages of deputizing Mr. Harry Hippenmeyer, part-time evening guard at the Library, explaining that he is a Chicago policeman but has no authority in Skokie. The Board agreed on the advisability of this and instructed the Librarian to contact Police Chief Chamberlain in Skokie to see if this could be arranged. Motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Mr. Kraft.

Motion: That the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library, through the Librarian, contact Chief Chamberlain of Skokie with the request that he deputize Harry Hippenmeyer.

All ayes.

The Librarian called the Board's attention to the current art exhibit in the Lecture Room by Soojai Yoo.

The booklist of the Recent Acquisitions for the month of October, 1966 was distributed to each Board member.

Rabbi Weiner stated that the excellent report of the Citizens Committee is encouraging to the Board and indicates the beginning of the citizens backing the Library. A copy of the thank-you letter being sent to the members of the Committee was given to each Library Board Member. The letter also explains the delay in releasing the report to the press. He further stated a time table should be set up for release of the report to the press.

In discussion it was decided not to burden the Press with administrative details. The Press should be given a summary and provided with a copy of the full report. A written editorial or explanatory statement to the papers should follow the release. Also, a summary and full report should be available for any member who asks for it. Mr. Simon and Mrs. DuBow should be invited to attend the Press Conference. The timing of release to the papers should be done carefully so the metropolitan papers cannot carry the news before the local papers.

Another recommendation was to contact THE LIFE and THE NEWS to tell them we are going to call a Press Conference and ask them about the timing. Suggested date to be November 28 but not a binding date.

The recommendation was made that the Library hire a photographer to take pictures and print them on 8 x 10 glossies to attach to the news release. The Librarian was asked to take charge of this. These views should include pictures of the evening use of the Library and the parking lot next door. Also, the release should include a map drawn by Mr. Hammond showing this block and pertinent buildings, parking lot and Village lot so all relationships are equal and there is no misunderstanding as to where anything is located. Sufficient copies should be made of this map for extensive use. The newspapers should be told what the Library has in mind and the target date of the referendum.

Rabbi Weiner appointed Mr. Erickson chairman of publicity.

The Librarian stated that the Citizens Committee's report should be gone over piece by piece before setting any other dates. Mr. Kraft requested that a list of all the recommendations in the report be made for use at that time. The Librarian will poll the Board for a convenient date and advise the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Erickson seconded by Mrs. Petty.

Selma Petty

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Secretary