

December 9, 1970

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Skokie Public Library held December 9, 1970 in the Lecture Room, at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. Diane Hunter, Howard Hummer, Donald Kraft, Richard Lindberg, Mrs. Selma Petty, Rabbi Karl Weiner and Dr. John Wozniak, Miss Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Also present: Architects James W. Hammond and Vincent Cameron, Attorney Robert Di Leonardi, and Reporter from THE LIFE, Mrs. Charlene Lewis.

Rabbi Weiner, President of the Board, presided.

Minutes of the November 11, 1970 meeting were approved as submitted on motion by Mrs. Hunter seconded by Mr. Hummer. All ayes.

Financial statements for the General Operating Budget, Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings, Library Construction Fund and the North Suburban Library System Coordinated Acquisitions Program on American Literature for the month of November, 1970 were accepted on motion by Dr. Wozniak seconded by Mrs. Petty.

Motion by Mr. Hummer, seconded by Dr. Wozniak which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the following lists of bills be paid:
General Operating Budget in the amounts of \$8,889.28
and \$425.20; Library Construction Fund in the amount
of \$35,512.74; and NSLS CAP in the amount of \$1,122.21.

Circulation Report for the month of November, 1970 was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Bookmobile service was resumed on November 30, 1970 and the Chief Librarian explained about the schedule.

Reciprocal borrowing with the Evanston Public Library was discussed.

In reporting on the NSLS, Mr. Hummer referred to reciprocal borrowing stating that any discussion of it was purely academic since every member library will be participating in it by the end of this fiscal year. He reported another vacancy on the System Board and discussion followed.

The Librarian recommended that the Personnel Code be revised to conform with the Act of Congress changing the dates of certain legal holidays, effective in 1971. She recommended Skokie Public Library observe these holidays and, in addition, delete Good Friday as a scheduled holiday, replacing it with two floating days. Motion by Mr. Kraft, seconded by Mr. Hummer, which, on roll call vote, carried by the following vote: Mr. Hummer, yes; Mrs. Hunter, yes; Mr. Kraft, yes; Mr. Lindberg, yes; Mrs. Petty, no; Dr. Wozniak, yes.

The Librarian announced a reception will be held for Niles Township High School students exhibiting in the art show in the Lecture Room. It will be held December 17.

Selected List of Recent Acquisitions and Calendar of Events was distributed to each member.

Rabbi Weiner announced the appointment of Mrs. Hunter as Chairman of the Furnishings Committee for the new building.

Mr. Hammond reported on the building program and distributed typed copies of the bid list from the December 3 opening. E. W. Corrigan is the low bidder, and fortunately one of the best. Mr. Hammond explained the need for a large contingency.

Miss Radmacher reported receiving a call from the Illinois State Library stating that we would receive official notice later, but unofficially telling us that Skokie Public Library would receive approximately \$97,000 of LSCA money. Since the State Library has informed Miss Radmacher that a contract between the Library Board and the general contractor cannot be signed prior to the signed agreement between the Library Board and the State Library, Mr. Di Leonardi read a draft of a letter to be sent over Rabbi Weiner's signature which would advise Corrigan that the Board intends to award him the contract. Although Mr. Hammond and Mr. Di Leonardi plan to meet with Corrigan December 10, Mr. Di Leonardi asked the Board's authority to deliver such a letter to Mr. Corrigan. Following discussion the following motion was made by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by

Mrs. Hunter, which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board of Directors authorize Mr. Di Leonardi to deliver in person a letter, over Rabbi Weiner's signature, to E. W. Corrigan stating the intention of the Board, providing his bid is not withdrawn.

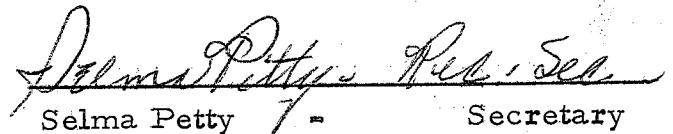
Mr. Hammond reported on the result of the review of the Library's situation by Commonwealth Edison, and that he was pleased with the outcome.

A meeting of the Building Committee was set for Tuesday morning, December 15, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Di Leonardi reported on two items relative to construction: (1) the alley running east from Park Avenue to the Library property; and (2) closing of the contract with the Village for the purchase of the property to the east.

Mrs. Petty introduced discussion of the ground-breaking ceremony.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on motion by Mr. Lindberg.


Selma Petty - Secretary