

July 8, 1964

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held July 8, 1964 in the Conference Room of the Skokie Public Library, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Mrs. M. Sarver for the purpose of recording the minutes and an observer from the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Florence Eich.

The President, L. O. Green, presided.

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

Motion: That the minutes of the regular meeting held June 10, 1964 be approved as read.

All votes were affirmative.

Motion by Mr. Weingart, seconded by Mrs. Daniel Petty.

Motion: That the minutes of the special meetings held June 11 and June 15, 1964 be approved as read.

All votes were affirmative.

Motion by Mr. Conroy V. Erickson and seconded by Mr. Weingart.

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

All votes were affirmative.

Motion by Mrs. Petty and seconded by Mrs. Griffin.

Motion: That the list of bills in the amount of five thousand six hundred eighty dollars and sixty-three cents \$5,680.63 be approved for payment.

All members voted affirmatively.

The President ordered the Circulation Report for the month of June to be placed on file.

The Librarian informed the Board of a gift of twenty-five dollars received from the Old Orchard B³Nai B¹Rith Women for the purchase of books

in the field of human relations.

Due to the reversal of the ruling by the court on the book "Tropic of Cancer" it has been returned to the shelf.

The President informed the Board that the agreement with the Village on the lots between the Village Hall and the Library has been concluded and sent to Washington.

The following resolution was presented.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and for the best interests of the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois, that an additional Library site be purchased to serve the library needs of this Village of Skokie; and

WHEREAS, after a study of the needs of the Village, the Board of Library Directors of the Village of Skokie has determined that property hereinafter described must be acquired by this Library Board as an additional Library site to serve the Library's needs of this Village of Skokie; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Directors of the Village of Skokie has heretofore secured from its Architects, plans and recommendations for the erection of a Library on such property to be acquired; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Board of Library Directors of the Village of Skokie formally approve a legal description and map of the property necessary to be acquired as an additional Library site for the Village of Skokie;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Library Directors of the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: That it is necessary to acquire an additional Library site to serve the Library needs of the Village of Skokie;

Section 2: That the Board of Library Directors of the Village of Skokie has received plans and recommendations from its Architects for the erection of a Library building on such additional Library site.

Section 3: That the legal description of the property necessary to be acquired as an additional Library site to serve the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois, and a map thereof, such legal description and map being as follows: Lots 2 and 3 in Hatosky's Subdivision of a Subdivision of part of the South half of the North West quarter of the North West quarter of Section 15, Township 41 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, be and the same are approved, ordered to be recorded in the records of this Board of Library Directors and the same shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Board and be made available for public inspection.

Section 4: That this resolution be in full force and effect immediately and forthwith upon its passage.

Member Erickson moved and Member Griffin seconded the motion that such resolution as presented and read be adopted.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote on the motion to adopt such resolution as read.

Upon the roll being called, the following Members voted

AYE: Griffin, Erickson, Green

and the following Members voted

NAY: Weingart

Member Petty abstained

Whereupon, the President declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted and did direct the Secretary to record the same in the records of this Board of Library Directors of the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois.

The President informed the Board the W. M. Warden Tyler Association has agreed to sell the property at Kenton and Gross Point Road for a total of \$77,200, to be paid as follows: \$20,000 on the execution and delivery of the contract, \$20,000 in 1965, \$20,000 in 1966, and the balance July 1, 1967. Copies of the purchase agreement were submitted to the Board and the following resolution presented.

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Directors has heretofore determined the need of an additional Library site for the Village of Skokie and has heretofore approved the legal description and map of property necessary to be acquired as an additional Library site; and

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to this Board of Library Directors a contract for the purchase of said additional Library site at such a price deemed to be a fair, just and reasonable price for said premises;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Library Directors of the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: That the Board of Library Directors of the Village of Skokie, Illinois, acquire the additional Library site heretofore selected by said Board at a price of Seventy-seven Thousand Two Hundred (\$77,200.00) Dollars and in accordance with the terms of a contract submitted herewith and attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2: That the President and Secretary of this Board be authorized to execute and deliver any and all contracts, documents, checks and other papers required to consummate the purchase of such additional Library site.

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Mr. Weingart stated he had been approached and talked with several patrons of the Library who are very much interested in this Library and would like to form a group, completely apart from the Library Board, to act in a public relations capacity, etc., but would have no voice in the administration. The helpfulness of a group in "spreading the gospel" about the expansion, the branch, etc. was discussed and the Board agreed that this would be an excellent idea. Mr. Weingart consented to pursue this further and recommend people who are well-known, have children who come to the Library, and available to assist in many ways. The President recommended that guide lines for such a group be outlined.

The suggestion was made that a professional publicist should be retained by the Library to assist with the bond issue, possibly Jean Doney.

The Librarian reported on her conversation with Miss Gscheidle of the Chicago Public Library about joint purchasing of books. The Chicago Public Library gets a maximum of 41 per cent discount on books and that amount only on quantity purchases of 50 or more copies of the same title. (The present discount received by the Skokie Public Library ranges from 36 to 37 per cent.) Miss Gscheidle is averse to any such arrangement and stated they would do it only by assessing

Skokie Public Library a fee for the cost of handling.

Gasoline for the Library during the ensuing year will be purchased jointly with the Village. Miss Radmacher will notify Mr. Kahn of this arrangement.

The Green will endeavor to locate an insurance consultant for a study of the insurance needs of the Skokie Public Library and to write specifications for bids for 1965 insurance.

A list of all the special programs being held during the summer of 1964 was given to the Board.

The Board gave permission for the use of the Skokie Public Library Bookmobile in a Niles Day Parade. The request was received from a member of the Friends of the Library of Niles.

A decision was made to hang the new painting on the north wall of the Children's Room, east of the window. The architect will be asked for suggestions of where to hang the certificates of award.

New statistics for library building, released by ALA, state that an allowance of five seats per 1,000 population should be the basis for seating capacity.

Mr. James Hammond joined the meeting at this time for discussion of building plans. The Board asked for information on driveway easement as promised by the Architect and, because of the Village Planner's concern, how delivery trucks would be able to enter and leave the driveway. The Architect gave his recommendations and also voiced the opinion that it would be prudent to get a commitment from the Village to accommodate the Library for parking. It was the consensus of the Board that the Library would want some parking specifically their own. The President will discuss this matter with Mr. Shafer.

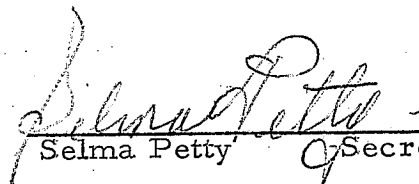
In the executive session, the President called the attention of the Board to the fact that while the Library staff had received increases in their annual salaries, action for an increase in the Librarian's salary had been deferred.

Motion by Mr. Weingart and seconded by Mrs. Griffin.

Motion: That the annual salary for Mary Radmacher be increased from \$12,500 to \$13,000 retroactive to May 1, 1964.

All members voted affirmatively.

Meeting adjourned.


Selma Petty Secretary