

May 2, 1973

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library which was postponed from April 11 to April 26 and further postponed to May 2, 1973, held in the Library at 6:00 p. m.

Members present: Terry Engel, Howard V. Hummer, Diana Hunter, Richard Lindberg, John Wozniak and Rabbi Karl Weiner, Miss Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Also present: James W. Hammond, architect, and Robert Di Leonardi, attorney.

For the first time the Board meeting was held in the Ethel M. Griffin Conference Room.

Minutes of the meeting of March 14, 1973 were approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Hummer, seconded by Dr. Wozniak. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hummer seconded by Dr. Wozniak 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 that the lists of bills for the General Operating Budget in the amounts of \$80, \$15,648.99 and \$13,439.01; Library Construction Fund in the amount of \$7,839.95; and the NSLS CAP in the amount of \$3,155.89 be approved for payment.

Circulation Report for the month of March, 1973 was accepted and ordered placed on file.

A letter of commendation concerning the Pre-School Story Hour, sent by Mrs. Louis Yaseen was submitted to the Board.

At 7:00 p. m. the Board recessed temporarily for the purpose of swearing in of the reelected members, Karl Weiner and John Wozniak, by the Village Clerk William Siegel.

Meeting reconvened at 7:10 p. m.

Copies of the revised budget, as approved by the Board March 14, 1973 were distributed to the members.

Each member received a copy of the Policy on Circulation of Framed Prints and 8 mm films as adopted March 14, 1973.

Miss Radmacher informed the Board she had talked with Mr. Brady of the Village concerning the use of the old bookmobile by them and when more information is available, she will inform the Board.

Regarding scrolls for Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Petty, Miss Radmacher reported Scrolls Studio - Chicago will charge around \$50 each, without framing. Suggestions offered: typing in script on parchment, or typing on bond paper and simple framing. Miss Radmacher was instructed to proceed in this manner.

A photograph of Mrs. Petty was given to the Library by Mr. Petty, with the expectation it would be hung in the auditorium. Rabbi Weiner said so far no policy has been established for hanging pictures. Mr. Lindberg suggested that the two cases of Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Petty are each unique and usual practices do not apply to them so an exception should be made. Rabbi Weiner suggested the Board Conference Room at the entry might be a suitable place. Motion by Mrs. Hunter which was seconded by Mr. Lindberg and, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the photograph of Selma Petty, presented by Mr. Daniel Petty, be placed in the Conference Room and at an appropriate spot.

Mrs. Hunter reported Mr. Shapiro of the Fidelity World Arts Inc. is ready to present the framed series of Dali lithographs when a date is arranged. Rabbi Weiner suggested a public invitation to the community to spark enthusiasm for potential donors for a fine arts collection. After considerable discussion of dates and types of affairs at which the lithographs could be presented, it was decided to hold a luncheon June 7, 12 noon, for business and community leaders. Motion by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Terry Engel, which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the two-fold purpose of the Board in arranging for the presentation of the Dali's be followed by inviting community and business leaders to the presentation and announcing it to the public at the same time.

Rabbi Weiner asked for a committee to serve and the following volunteered: Mr. Engel, Mr. Hummer, Mrs. Hunter and Dr. Wozniak. Mrs. Hunter was appointed chairman.

Mrs. Hunter reported on Cay Jackson contact concerning the Ray Jackson Memorial. ~~Mrs. Jackson wishes to establish a fund for the erection of a fountain on the Village Green as a memorial to her husband and asked for the Library's support.~~ Corrected to: Mrs. Jackson would like to see a fund established for the

~~port.~~ Mrs. Hunter suggested something in contemporary art might be appropriate.

Dr. Wozniak made the following motion which was seconded by Mrs. Hunter.

Motion: That the Board support the idea and give impetus to the idea of a contemporary sculpture fountain for the Ray Jackson Memorial for the Village Green.

In discussion Mr. Lindberg pointed out the Library should not be endorsing something for the Village Green. Mrs. Hunter was of the opinion the Library would have some commitment since it is a partner in the Village Green. At this point Rabbi Weiner relinquished the Chair to Vice President Hummer to express his views as a member. He reminded the Board the Village Green belongs to the Village not to the Library. The Library is committed only to the extent of its offer to pay for the landscape designs, and the Library has tried to induce the Village to accept the concept of the design that has been proposed by the landscape architect we engaged. There are two points of view. The addition of the fountain throws out altogether the design of the Village Green as proposed by the Library to the Village; and there has been no consideration or consultation as to where the fountain fits into the plans. The Library would be ignoring its expenditure and starting totally from scratch to plan for a fountain. Our interest in fine arts is concerned with bringing them into the Library. If the community were to decide to immortalize Ray Jackson by presenting a fountain for the Library pool, it would be different. The fountain is not going to belong to the Library and Rabbi Weiner fails to see how this Board can counteract plans it has pursued for some time and start all over again.

Rabbi Weiner resumed the Chair.

The Board was reminded of the \$12,500 contribution to the Village for half of the cost of lights to be installed on the Village Green.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mrs. Hunter, yes; Mr. Hummer, no;

Dr. Wozniak, yes; Mr. Lindberg, no; Mr. Engel, no. Motion was defeated.

On the Building Program, Mr. Hammond read a letter he had sent to E. W.

Corrigan Company regarding the completion of punch list items, and referred to the continuous telephone calls, letters, and threats of liens which have been received at the architect's office from the sub-contractors. In the discussion which followed Mr. Di Leonardi said there is a two-fold problem. One has to do with Corrigan's failure to satisfactorily complete all his work, and pointed out the Library's only contractual relationship is with Corrigan to complete the building. Second problem is Corrigan's failure to pay all the sub-contractors the money due them from their contracts with him. That is not the Library's problem. Mr. Di Leonardi explained the procedure under which the contractor performs in obtaining money for jobs, and informed the Board the remedies are simple and clear cut. First, with respect to Corrigan's failure with completion of the job, the Board simply makes a claim on his performance bond, and, second, make a claim on the labor and material bond. He recommended the Board seriously consider making claim and avail itself of the protection offered by these bonds. The time has come for the Board to act in some way. In discussion, Mr. Hammond said the amount withheld of \$20,000 is more than enough to do what has to be done but the harassment should not continue. Mr. Lindberg made the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Hummer and, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board authorize its counsel, Robert J. Di Leonardi, to take whatever action is necessary to remedy Corrigan's failure to complete the job and also his non-payment of subs including making claims on Corrigan's performance bond and labor and material payment bond.

President Weiner retired from the meeting and Mr. Hummer assumed the Chair.

Mr. Hammond read his letter to Miss Radmacher regarding the situation concerning the Village Green and suggestion of solicitation of bids. Discussion regarding the Library's interest in having the refuse cans at the apartment buildings south of the Library screened from view by having some planting done if it is possible to get an easement in that area.

Miss Radmacher asked if the Board would like to reconsider use of tape recorder for taking of the minutes of the Board meetings. Consensus of the Board was not

to do so at this time.

Miss Radmacher explained that on May 8 American Library Association has suggested all libraries dim the lights to bring attention to the lack of Federal funds. In discussion it was pointed out this would be ineffectual in the daytime but a more conspicuous way would be to cover the bulletin board with black paper and show only the quote "back to the middle ages," and of utmost importance for the Library Board to send a letter to senators, representatives and President Nixon protesting the cuts. Along with this idea the Library should have the staff take time to write similar letters. Mr. Engel made the following motion which was seconded by Dr. Wozniak and, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the President of the Library Board write to President Nixon, the two senators from Illinois and any other government officials in Washington, protesting the cut in federal funds for libraries.

Miss Radmacher recommended the Board consider increasing the non-resident borrower's fee to \$30. Mr. Hummer made the following motion:

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library increase the non-resident borrower's fee to \$30.

Mrs. Hunter recommended holding off on this action until the State Library sets standards for admission to Systems and participation in reciprocal borrowing. Mrs. Hunter made the following motion:

Motion: That action on increasing the non-resident borrower's fee to \$30 be tabled until the June meeting for the reasons previously set forth.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Wozniak and, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

At this time of the year the representative to the System Board must be appointed. Mrs. Hunter was complimented on her activity in her term of office, not only was she an outstanding member but elected an officer of the Board. The following motion was made by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mr. Lindberg which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That Mrs. Diana Hunter succeed herself as the Skokie Public Library Board representative to the System Board for one more year.

Mrs. Hunter thanked the Board for the honor and mentioned that by serving one acquires a vast knowledge of the System and how it operates.

Mrs. Hunter reported on the System Board meeting. Mrs. Kathryn Gesterfield of the State Library attended the meeting and the State Library is aware of the problem of libraries with little or no library facilities desiring reciprocal borrowing privileges. Corrected to: Library System Director's and President's agenda  
It is now on the ~~State Library agenda~~ as an emergency situation. Mrs. Hunter plans to attend a meeting Monday in Libertyville about reciprocal borrowing and reference service. She reported that on Legislative Day no Board member from Skokie attended.

~~Miss Radmacher~~ reported she attended NSLS Day in Springfield and many of the legislators were there. Mr. Jaffee was especially pleasant and accommodating.

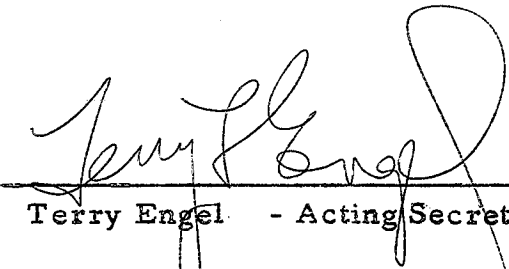
Miss Radmacher recommended, as a long range plan, consideration be given a volunteer program of having perhaps a paid director to train a corps of volunteers. She said there is a big resource of people, some highly skilled, who have taken early retirement or ones who do not choose to work in a paying position. One category would be professionally trained librarians who might have had some public relations experience and might do some work at a reception area around the card catalog; another group, trained librarians who might be interested in indexing; and still another category would be people who have been art majors or art historians to form a jury for selecting art pieces to display.

Discussion was held on the news release pertaining to the policy of attendance wherein no child under sixteen would be admitted without being accompanied by a parent. Miss Radmacher explained that a policy had to be adopted because of problems created by admitting all ages to adult programs and having no restrictions whatsoever. Although the series had been announced originally as an adult film program, all ages attended. If the Board approves of the policy, it will be continued. Consensus of the Board, there is no alternative and the policy should be continued.

Miss Radmacher informed the Board reservations had been made for the ALA Conference for those wishing to attend. She asked if the members would like an advance. In discussing the amount, Miss Radmacher mentioned in 1971 for the Conference in

Dallas, the advance had been \$400. Mr. Engel and Mr. Lindberg suggested that since accommodations and food would be higher at Las Vegas, a \$500 advance would be in order.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Lindberg.



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Terry Engel - Acting Secretary