

May 13, 1964

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held in the Conference Room of the Library May 13, 1964, at 7:30 p.m.

Present: C. V. Erickson, Mrs. W. C. Griffin, L. O. Green, Mrs. Daniel Petty, Louis Weingart, Rabbi Karl Weiner, and Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian. Also present: Mrs. M. Sarver for the purpose of recording the minutes.

The president, Mr. L. O. Green, presided.

Preceding the regular business the president introduced Mr. B. Harry Dadigian, president of the Masonic Lodge which owns a piece of property at the Gross Point Road and Kenton Avenue location. His attendance at the meeting was to offer this parcel for purchase by the Library Board at a price of \$79,000. The appraised value as reported to the Library Board is \$77,200. Mr. Dadigian is empowered to negotiate and indicated that an agreement in price could be reached. Mr. Armond King is the exclusive agent on this property which is free and clear. Mr. Dadigian retired from the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Conroy V. Erickson,

Motion: That the Library Board authorize Mr. Scott McDowell to survey the resources and commitments of the Library and negotiate with the owners of the Masonic property and work out a purchase proposal to submit to the Board at the meeting May 27, 1964.

Mrs. Daniel Petty seconded the motion and the voting was as follows:

Affirmative: Mrs. W. C. Griffin, Mrs. Daniel Petty, Mr. Erickson, Rabbi Karl Weiner; negative: Mr. Louis Weingart.

Motion by Mr. Erickson,

Motion: That the Board authorize Mr. Green to appoint a committee to act as liaison with School District 68 and as a Planning Committee for preparation of a referendum proposal and develop a comprehensive

plan for the acquisition of whatever property is needed in the site under discussion and submit a report to the Board not later than the July meeting or a special meeting that may be called earlier at the discretion of the president or the Board members.

Mrs. Griffin seconded the motion and the voting was as follows: Affirmative:

Mr. Erickson, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Petty, Rabbi Weiner; negative: Mr. Weingart.

Motion by Mr. Erickson:

Motion: To direct the librarian to contact Hammond and Roesch, architectural firm, and ask them to make a study of the Gross Point Road and Kenton Avenue site and delineate what portion of that land should be acquired to accommodate a suitable branch library. The cost of this preliminary study not to exceed twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) without further authorization by the Board.

Rabbi Weiner seconded the motion and the following votes were cast: Affirmative:

Mrs. Griffin, Mr. Erickson, Mrs. Petty, Rabbi Weiner; negative: Mr. Weingart.

Motion by Mr. Erickson:

Motion: To direct the librarian to prepare her recommendations and specifications concerning the size and facilities that should be provided in this branch library at the earliest possible date.

Rabbi Weiner seconded the motion and the affirmative votes were: Mrs. Griffin,

Mr. Erickson, Mrs. Petty, Rabbi Weiner; negative: Mr. Weingart.

The minutes of the meetings held April 22 and May 7 were read.

Two corrections were requested in the minutes of May 7 after which they were approved as read.

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

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

All votes were affirmative.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin seconded by Mrs. Petty:

Motion: That the list of bills in the amount of five thousand three hundred twenty-nine dollars and fifty-six cents (\$5,329.56) from the General Fund and two hundred sixty dollars (\$260) from the Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings be paid.

All votes were affirmative.

The president ordered that the circulation report be placed on file.

The librarian gave a report on the proposal submitted to the Illinois State Library for L.S.C.A. to initiate library service to the unincorporated area of Twin Oaks.

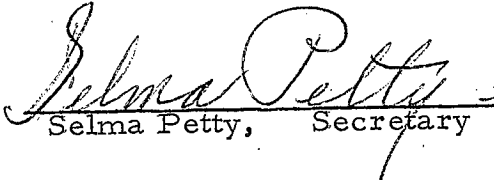
The librarian asked the Board for a definite policy on the use of the Lecture Room by local groups or clubs. The president requested Miss Radmacher to formulate a policy in draft form for presentation at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Herbert Goldhor's request to make a film at the Skokie Public Library was approved.

In memory of its first president, Mrs. Betty Sachs, the Skokie Art Guild submitted paintings for the Board's selection of one to be hung in the library. After due consideration and expert opinion the painting, The Students, by Barbara Tuch, was selected.

The president announced the next meeting would be held on May 27 for presentation of preliminary plans and other business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Griffin.


Selma Petty, Secretary