

April 8, 1964

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

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

Minutes of the previous meeting, held March 25, were received and read. Correction on page three in the wording of the motion by Mr. C. V. Erickson, to read: "That a letter of acceptance and commitment be sent to Hammond and Roesch for preparation of preliminary plans for expansion of this building." Mr. Green directed the correction to be made and when so done the minutes stand approved as read.

The statement for the General Fund was reviewed. Motion was made by Mr. Erickson and seconded by Rabbi Karl Weiner as follows:

Motion: That the unexpended balance of forty-two thousand nine hundred fifty-six dollars and ninety-six cents (\$42,956.96) in the operating budget at April 30, 1964, be transferred to the Reserve Fund for Sites and Buildings.

All members present voted affirmatively.

The president reported that he had followed the recommendation of the Board to honor Mr. Wesley Gibbs' request as discussed at the previous meeting and had attended the meeting of the Village Trustees, at which time a letter was submitted to Mr. Marsh requesting postponement of a ruling on the zoning of the property north of Old Orchard Junior High School. Mr. Wesley Gibbs reported that the Village had given them

forty-five days to decide whether they could or would purchase the property.

More action on this project will be discussed at a meeting Monday evening, April 13, at Old Orchard Junior High. The president requested as many of the Library Board members as possible to attend the meeting and asked for a statement on what commitment could be made for the Library in connection with the purchase of this land. He further explained that a commitment to purchase that particular piece of property did not mean the Library would relinquish the idea of purchasing the property between the present building and the Village Hall.

It was pointed out that prior to the time the land between the present building and the Village Hall became uppermost because of the danger of losing it, all the consideration of additional land had been for property in the northern area. Because of the scarcity of available property in this as well as other areas of Skokie, it would seem prudent to purchase the land and hold it against such time as appropriation for building could be had rather than lose it and have no land upon which to build. It was also noted that under the new ordinance the Village can issue bonds without a referendum.

Although in building a branch there will be duplication of expensive reference materials, if this is the only library building duplications must be purchased eventually because the demand for reference material will be as great whether it is from one building or two.

The president requested the members to think about the purchase of the land and be prepared to make a decision, if necessary. He further stated it is becoming necessary to work out a more definite long range program for expansion and building of branch libraries.

The president introduced further discussion of the budget for 1965-1966. On the basis of anticipated tax levy and collection of fines, rentals, and other income, the preliminary budget submitted at the March 25 meeting was revised. Miss Radmacher requested a revision of the budget in view of 1963 amendments of the Illinois General Assembly and Cook County State's Attorney's Office's sanction of extending the library tax levy for any municipality up to the full statutory limit of .12 per cent. Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. W. C. Griffin.

Motion: That the operating budget for the General Fund, as amended to a total figure of four hundred two thousand six hundred dollars (\$402,600) for the year 1965-1966 be accepted.

All members voted affirmatively.

Motion by Mr. Erickson and seconded by Rabbi Weiner.

Motion: That the budget for 1965-1966 for the Construction Fund for the acquisition of hi-fidelity equipment in the amount of twenty-eight thousand one hundred eighty-eight dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$28,188.29) be accepted.

All votes were affirmative.

The following motion was made by Mrs. W. C. Griffin and seconded by Rabbi Weiner:

Motion: To budget for the acquisition of sites and buildings the amount of one hundred seventeen thousand five hundred fifty-three dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$117,553.87) from the Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings.

All affirmative votes.

A list of bills to be paid was submitted to the Board. Motion by Rabbi Weiner and seconded by Mr. Erickson.

Motion: That the list of bills to be paid in the amount of six thousand fifty-nine dollars and fifteen cents (\$6,059.15), as submitted, be approved for payment.

All affirmative votes.

The Circulation Report was submitted to the Board and the President ordered that it be accepted and placed on file.

The President requested the Librarian to send a reply to the student who offered suggestions for and criticism of the Skokie Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p. m.

*Selma Petty* *per M.S.*  
Selma Petty, Secretary (per M. Sarver)