

December 13, 1978

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held on December 13, 1978 at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Rabbi Karl Weiner, President; Diana Hunter; Dr. John M. Wozniak; Walter B. Flintrup; Richard C. Lindberg; Shirley Merritt; Norma L. Zatz; Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

The meeting was called to order by President Karl Weiner with a quorum present.

The Board welcomed guests Dorothy Litwin and Kathy Dammann of the Fine Arts Commission. Rabbi Weiner commented on the common interest of the Library with the Fine Arts Commission and assured them of our willingness to assist in any possible way. Miss Dammann outlined the necessity of more publicity and use of more facilities in the community. The policy of the Library is to charge no admission fee for any activity in the building. The Fine Arts Commission feels that in order to cover expenses a fee would be necessary. Both the Library Board and the Fine Arts Commission are desirous of making the Library the Cultural Center of the community.

A discussion was held as to a solution of the problem of allowing the Fine Arts Commission to use the facilities of the Library without charging an admission fee. The Fine Arts Commission was assured that the facilities of the Library are open to them but that a mutually agreeable plan will be necessary.

The following correction on the November 8, 1978 minutes was requested. The motion on page 6 should be changed to read:

MOTION: That each year, at the proper time, the Skokie Public Library send a formal letter of request for revenue by registered mail, if necessary, and receive certified statements of the assessed valuation and the Library tax rate from the County Clerk's office.

The minutes were approved as corrected on motion of Mr. Flintrup, seconded by Mrs. Hunter. Motion carried.

Rabbi Weiner recommended that there are certain questions to be answered by the auditors of the books and that a meeting should be held with them to get the necessary answers. The question of using the same auditors as the Village of Skokie was discussed. It may be to the advantage of the Library to use another firm of auditors. It was decided that a meeting will be held with the accountants to get answers to certain questions and to get advice.

Motion by Mrs. Zatz, seconded by Dr. Wozniak, on roll call vote was carried unanimously:

MOTION: That the financial statements for the General Operating Fund, Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings, and the Library Construction Fund for the month of November, 1978 be accepted and the lists of bills for the General Operating Fund in the amounts of \$45,325.08 and \$574.00 and for the Construction Fund in the amount of \$1,021.53 be approved for payment, subject to audit.

The Circulation Report for November 1978 was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Book Bag Sale report was reviewed.

The Library Use Statistics reports were ordered placed on file.

Letters were received from: Alan Moores of the American Library Association; Helen Bush, Department of Library Science of the University of North Iowa, thanking the Library and staff for a tour of the Library; Robert R. McClarren of the North Suburban Library System, thanking the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library for the gift of chrysanthemums; Mrs. Walter Goldberg in reply to letter requesting payment of overdue book; Cheryl Weissman enclosing check for lost books; Richard Hoelzer, in reply

to "lost book" letter; Stephen P. Christensen, with reference to Juvenile Section of the Library; response to Mr. Christensen's letter; and Judith Krug, Freedom to Read Foundation.

Miss Radmacher discussed the personnel appointments and transfer.

Mrs. Zatz commented on the cracking of the sidewalks in front of the Library. Miss Radmacher replied that this repair or replacement will be a spring project. The lack of paths through the snow to the parking lots was discussed. Mrs. Merritt brought up the subject of changing the meeting night of the Board to another night of the month. Mrs. Hunter spoke of the goals discussed at the White House Conference and indicated that the AIA magazine shows the direction libraries will be going in the future. She also read several articles from various newspapers, magazines, etc. indicating that the public is not aware of how libraries are financed and especially urged the public to influence their legislators in Springfield with reference to funding for libraries.

Miss Radmacher announced that the bill providing for the per capita grant had passed.

Mr. Flintrup stated that it is difficult for the system to get funds to lobby and the Library Boards should show an interest in lobbying. Letters should be written to the local and Chicago newspapers over the signatures of this Board criticizing the legislatures for voting against the funding.

In reporting on the North Suburban Library System, Mr. Flintrup stated that computers will be a way of life; that the credit limit with banks for the North Suburban Library System had to be expanded from \$500,000 to \$800,000 for new additions of CLSI computers. In about ten years

everyone will have a TV cassette system in the home. We should be prepared with audio visual and cassette programs. CAP was reinstated and the fund of \$35,000 has been increased to \$50,000. Other libraries are asking for a portion of CAP.

With reference to the unemployment compensation insurance, Miss Radmacher stated that some libraries are interested. Mr. Flintrup stated that the insurance will commence in 1979 and it was his opinion that it would be beneficial for the Library to sign up for it now. He will get more information in order that we may benefit from it.

Mr. Lindberg gave a report on his research into the security system. He conferred with many professors from IIT whose specialty is electronics, and met with representatives of the various systems. Each system has its advantages and disadvantages. He favors Check Point, which will cost about \$20,000. The question is, can we legally write a spec around Check Point. The question of which system the Wilmette Public Library uses was raised and Miss Radmacher offered to find out.

Rabbi Weiner expressed admiration and appreciation for the many hours of work Mr. Lindberg put into this project. He stated that if we are going to spend \$22,000 we should invite all distributors to demonstrate their product and to submit specs. It will also be necessary to find out if Check Point is compatible and if it is necessary to advertise for bids. Mr. Lindberg stated that he would like to visit the Arlington Heights Library who has Check Point at this time.

Motion by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Dr. Wozniak, and on roll call, adopted unanimously:

MOTION: That the Library have a Check Point System installed; 1) subject to drawing of a proper specification, meaning the approval of our counsel. 2) that the Check Point System be compatible with present computer system. 3) what effect, if any, will there be because of Check Point's method of detection?

January is the deadline for filing application for revenue sharing.

Motion by Mr. Flintrup, seconded by Dr. Wozniak, on roll call vote was unanimously adopted:

MOTION: That a request for revenue sharing be submitted to the Township for the purchase and installation of a security system without giving a dollar valuation.

Miss Radmacher stated that the roof is still holding and hopefully will remain so over the winter.

Mr. Lindberg reported on the meeting he, Dr. Wozniak and Miss Radmacher had with Mr. Guderjahn of Johnson Controls and Mr. Schiewe with reference to the maintenance work. Mr. Schiewe suggested Johnson submit a proposal which will state that the Library will not be charged for any replacement under \$1,000. So far there is no response from Johnson.

January 15, 1979 is the deadline for application to the Illinois Arts Council for funds to purchase works by living Illinois artists. It is advisable to get the purchase price of the sculpture now.

Motion by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mrs. Zatz, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

MOTION: That an application be forwarded to the Illinois Arts Council for an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for a sculpture by Brian Monaghan.

The members of the Board will study the recommendations of the Illinois White House Conference and will discuss it at the next meeting.

The following lists, etc. were distributed to the Board members:

Clippings (2)

Elie Wiesel

Chess Open House

December Calendar of Events


Great Books Newsletter, December 1978

Press Releases (17)

December Exhibits List

Selected List of Recent Acquisitions, November, 1978

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.



John M. Wozniak - Secretary