

March 6, 1974

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library, held March 6, 1974, at 6:00 p.m., in the Library.

Members present: Howard V. Hummer, Shirley Merritt, Richard Telingator, John Wozniak and Rabbi Karl Weiner, also Miss Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Also present: Eugene L. Perrine, Director of Environmental Research, of Wiss, Janney, Elstner and Associates; James Hammond, Architect, and Carl Hoglund, Associate, of Hammond Beeby and Associates; and Charles Hug, Attorney.

A correction in the minutes of the February 13, 1974 meeting was requested. Mrs. Shirley Merritt's attendance was not recorded and on page 5, line 5 sentence to read, "It could be mentioned by her that the Library paid \$12,500 for lights and sidewalks and \$1,500 in landscaping for the Green." Motion by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mr. Hummer which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the minutes of the February 13, 1974 meeting as corrected be approved.

Motion by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mr. Hummer 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 the lists of bills for the General Operating Budget in the amounts of \$155.20 and \$21,680.25; and Construction Fund in the amount of \$3,000 be approved for payment.

Mr. Hammond reporting on the building program mentioned that, as all of the Board members know, glass has been a serious problem and a total of eight lights have broken, four of which were replaced recently by Libby-Owens-Ford. The Library paid for cost of installation and will back-charge the contractor. A glass consultant (Wiss, Janney, Elstner and Associates) was retained on the recommendation of the architects and attorney's concurrence. Mr. Eugene Perrine, Director of Environmental Research, from Wiss, Janney, Elstner and Associates, attended the meeting and reported their findings. The consultants looked at the breaks after the glass was removed. Principally the breaks

originated at the edges where the seal is placed between sheets of glass in the assembly. This led to the conclusion that the cause of the breakage was related to the seals. This is a coated glass and the seal is metal. LOF is not producing this metal seal glass any more and are switching to an organic seal. The essence of the problem is the manufacturer's use of the metallic seal on the coated glass. The weakness of the seal can be conducive to ill effects resulting from such factors as stress caused by temperature differences where sun and shadow strike the glass. The glass is designed to deal with such stresses as evidenced by the manufacturer's literature and advice. Any minor defect including installation practices can also be accentuated and cause trouble when combined with the inherent weakness of the manufactured seal. Wiss, Janney, Elstner and Associates further states it is not possible to predict how rapidly or extensively glass breakage might occur. Mr. Hammond said this has all been reported to Mr. Di Leonardi and Mr. Hug. Mr. Di Leonardi concurred that it might be appropriate to unofficially and verbally urge Mr. Corrigan to pursue a replacement guarantee arrangement from LOF and/or National Hamilton. It was noted that both Corrigan and Libby-Owens-Ford have requested copies of the Wiss, Janney, Elstner report which has not been released to them on Mr. Di Leonardi's advice.

Rabbi Weiner announced that Mr. Corrigan has sued the Library for \$25,000. Postponement of the arbitration could permit the Library to meet with Corrigan to see what guarantee arrangements could be made with LOF. Question was asked of the dollar value to replace the glass and Mr. Hoglund reported contractors' estimates have indicated the cost for a single light at approximately \$1,000 for labor and material with unit prices decreasing as the quantity might increase thus making for a possible total of between \$50,000 and \$60,000 all at today's prices.

Mr. Perrine retired from the meeting.

Rabbi Weiner asked to move the agenda to the subject of the Village Green.

and introduced Mr. William Stalnaker and Mr. Don Copeland of the Village Green Task Force. Mr. Stalnaker, Chairman of the Beautification Commission and of the Task Force, explained the concept of the plan for the Village Green. He enumerated the composition of the Village Green Task Force: Two members from the Village Board, two members from the Central Business District, two members from the Library Board, and two members from the Beautification Commission. He apologized for the meeting held Monday, March 4, which was intended to be an open meeting between the Library Board and the Village Board but did not develop that way. Mr. Stalnaker explained the committee's desire to develop the Village Green and presented the plan, the cost of which would be \$120,000, using top of the line materials.

The Library Board is concerned over: (1) business of the plan; (2) deletion of 31 parking stalls; the size of the plantings; two fountains; and cost to the taxpayers of maintenance. Mr. Stalnaker in response to the parking questions said the Village is planning to acquire additional property on Galitz.

The Library Board stated its intention of emphasizing that maintenance of the Village Green was the total responsibility of the Village.

Mr. Copeland expressed pleasure with the way the landscape architects are functioning and mentioned the absence of light poles shown in the plans. Trees will be used to a great extent for lighting equipment but any of the fixtures to be used will be compatible with those already installed or some lighting might be placed along the walks. He encouraged the Library to send its representatives to the meetings, and invited the Library Board to attend the March 18 meeting.

Rabbi Weiner thanked Mr. Stalnaker and Mr. Copeland for their presentation after which they retired from the meeting.

Rabbi Weiner opened the meeting for discussion of the Village Green plans. Consensus was to be very firm on wanting more open space. The Library's preference for a less broken up area is clearly indicated in Rabbi Weiner's letter to Mayor Smith, copy attached herewith.

Mr. Hammond reporting on the Building Program stated there are still some items to be taken care of. The Slater Company called and several ideas have been proposed to cover the top of the credenza. The cracked table tops are still a problem and no report has been received on those nor on the cushions. The Slater Company has removed three rolls of the carpet from the shipping and receiving area but because of lack of space in their truck they must return for the balance of the carpeting which they will store for approximately \$145.00 per year. The Board concurred on the action to store the carpet with Slater at the charge of \$145 per year, which includes insurance.

Miss Radmacher asked the Board for discussion of and a decision on consideration of Easter Sunday as a holiday. There is no precedent for this because Sunday hours were not previously scheduled. In discussion it was stated to be the opinion of Rabbi Weiner and the Board that Easter Sunday has always been considered a legal holiday. Motion by Mr. Hummer, seconded by Mrs. Merritt which, on roll call vote carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library be closed on Easter Sunday and it be observed as a holiday.

President Weiner retired from the meeting and Vice President Hummer assumed the chair.

Circulation Reports for the month of February, 1974 were distributed. The Board accepted the reports and ordered them to be placed on file.

Copies of Library Use Statistics were distributed along with figures on Reciprocal Borrowing Program. Miss Radmacher called the Board's attention to receipt of a check in the amount of \$1,140.50 received from the North Suburban Library System which was compensation for 2,281 excesses in the imbalances in the reciprocal borrowing.

Due to Mrs. Hunter's absence no report was given on the North Suburban Library System Board meeting.

Miss Radmacher requested discussion of the contract for the System's use of Skokie Public Library's Data Processing area. Mr. Jurgensmeyer, the System's attorney and Mr. Di Leonardi discussed the original contract and made some revisions. After discussion the Board accepted this revised contract specifically stating the beginning date to be November 1, at \$275 per month and \$275 for each succeeding month, or list the original payment to be \$1,375 (amount due at March 1, 1974) and \$275 each succeeding month. Motion by Dr. Telingator, seconded by Dr. Wozniak which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the contract, as revised, with the North Suburban Library System for use of the Skokie Public Library Data Processing area as the System Reference Service be approved.

Mayor Smith's acknowledgment of receipt of Rabbi Weiner's letter asking for a portion of the revenue sharing funds for the Library was distributed. Mayor Smith stated in his letter the Village will do its best to assist the Library.

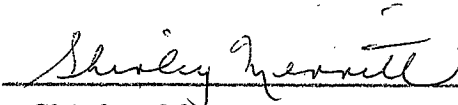
Copies of news releases which had been sent to the newspapers were distributed to the members for their information.

Dr. Wozniak mentioned the policy of the Library paying trustees' expenses to the ALA Conference.

The Board asked about solicitations for donations for the spring book sale. Miss Radmacher said publicity has gone to the papers but not all of it has been printed. She explained there will be a poster contest for high schools. Letters have been sent to the schools asking them to announce to the art students the Library's interest in having students submit posters. All posters will be on display in the Library. First and second place winners would be reproduced and distributed throughout the community to publicize the book sale and festival. The Board suggested publicity on the book sale should be sent to and included in the VILLAGE NEWSLETTER which is hand delivered to all residences; some receptacle should be placed in the lobby to receive books; and where elementary schools have a monthly type letter information about the book sale might be sent for inclusion.

Miss Radmacher said efforts are being made through the Illinois Arts Council to get the Free Street Theatre to perform free of charge. She said every effort will be made to make a festival out of the book sale and asked for suggestions where to get a very large umbrella to be used for the story telling groups for that day only.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p. m. by Vice President Hummer.

  
Shirley Merritt - Secretary Pro Tem