

April 8, 1970

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Skokie Public Library held April 8, 1970 in the Conference Room of the Library at 5:30 p. m.

Members present: Howard Hummer, Mrs. Diane Hunter, Mrs. Selma Petty, and Rabbi Karl Weiner, Miss Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Also present: Mr. James Hammond, architect, and his associate Mr. Cameron of Hammond and Roesch, Inc. and Mr. Robert Di Leonardi, legal counsel.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mr. James Hammond reporting on the expansion plans stated that after much consideration they were offering a significant change in the plans for the Board's approval. These plans are for a multiple story building entirely above ground. The architects feel this will be a marked improvement and a check with the estimators revealed the cost would be approximately the same as for the previous plans. The new plans were shown by Mr. Hammond and were enthusiastically received by the Board. The Board questioned the legality of changing the plans at this time. Attorney Di Leonardi stated that although the plans as presented showed a lower and upper level, in the absence of any significant increase in the cost it would make little difference. Since benefits will be accrued from the change in plans, there seems to be all sorts of reasons to justify it. Mr. Hammond stated that if the Board approved, he would like to meet with Mr. Kingsley and others of the Village. Mr. Di Leonardi suggested Mayor Smith be informed of the change before meeting with Mr. Kingsley. Rabbi Weiner offered to talk with Mayor Smith. Mr. Hammond asked for directions and whether they should proceed. After discussion, the following motion was made by Mr. Hummer, seconded by Mrs. Petty, and on roll call vote carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board accept the refined concept of the building plan as presented by James Hammond of Hammond and Roesch, Inc.

Rabbi Weiner instructed Mr. Hammond to proceed immediately with the plans.

Financial statements for the General Operating Budget, Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings for the month of March, 1970 were accepted on motion by Mrs. Hunter seconded by Mr. Hummer. All ayes.

Discussion was held following distribution of a statement showing a comparison of collections since the fees were increased February 1, 1970.

Financial statement for the North Suburban Library System Coordinated Acquisitions Program in American Literature for the month of March, 1970 was approved and accepted on motion by Mr. Hummer seconded by Mrs. Petty. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Hummer seconded by Mrs. Petty which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the list of bills from the General Operating Budget in the amount of four thousand six hundred sixty-seven dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$4,667.37); Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings in the amount of eighteen thousand nine hundred thirty-seven dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$18,937.69); and Coordinated Acquisitions Program in the amount of one thousand two hundred twenty dollars (\$1,220) be approved for payment.

Circulation Report for the month of March was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The Librarian informed the Board she is preparing the budget for the 1970-71 fiscal year but is waiting word from Mayor Smith on a decision pertinent to the budget.

President Weiner read a letter received from the North Suburban Library System requesting the appointment of a representative to that Board whose name must be submitted by April 24. After discussion, Rabbi Weiner appointed Mr. Howard Hummer to continue in this capacity. Mr. Hummer accepted and stated his intention to run for office for a full year term. Three remaining items concerning the System were postponed for action at a later date.

Acquisition of a piece of property west of the Library's present holdings on Oakton Street was discussed. Miss Radmacher, Mr. Di Leonardi and Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder had a meeting April 7 at the Library. The Schroeder's are interested in selling without a lot of "red tape." They said they had been approached by an apartment builder who had offered them \$55,000. Mr. Di Leonardi suggested the Schroeders get an appraisal since the Library had one. Another meeting with the Schroeders is set for two weeks from now.

A report on the first meeting of the Steering Committee was made by Rabbi Weiner and Mrs. Petty. The Librarian distributed copies of a time table developed by Jackie Gorell, a book mark used at Circulation desk, a list of the names of the Committee members and a first draft of the fact sheet. Next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held April 15, 1970.

A copy of a letter received from North Central Home Owners Association and one from H. W. Cohlgraff were given to each member for their records.

Mrs. Hunter
~~Mr. Kraft~~ asked if there was a possibility of continuing the bookmobile service until the date of the referendum. The Board agreed this could not be done unless some extra money comes from the Village at which time the service can be reinstated.

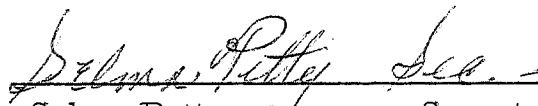
The Librarian reported Mr. Ray Krier had called on her and explained the crowded condition in the Village Hall, as a polling place, and asked for space in the Library. The Board discussed the matter and recommended Mr. Krier ask the Health Department on Floral Avenue for this accommodation.

Rabbi Weiner reported Jerome Robbins of the Fine Arts Commission had contacted him to ask if the Library would volunteer to handle tickets for their activities this year which are limited to only one or two. Discussion followed. Mr. Di Leonardi said legally there would be nothing wrong in doing this. Rabbi Weiner stated he felt the Board's opinion was that on principle there is no opposition

since the Library sees itself as part of the cultural community but with present staff shortages and lack of continuity of people manning the desk, it is not possible. He asked if it would be possible, if the Fine Arts Commission wants to man a table in the lobby to sell tickets, this would be permitted? The Board agreed to this. Rabbi Weiner will inform the Commission of this and that the Library is looking forward to a time when they can be accommodated.

Miss Radmacher reported another discussion with Mr. Don Wright of Evanston Public Library on reciprocal borrowing between these two libraries. He said his Board would be interested in talking with our Board. The Librarian suggested a letter be sent inviting the Evanston Public Library Board to meet with this Board. Miss Radmacher was asked to arrange for the letter to be sent. inviting them for a meeting at 8:00 p.m. The regular meeting of this Board will be held at 5:30, May 13, to be followed by the combined meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on motion by Mr. Hummer.


Selma Petty *af* Secretary