

May 17, 1967

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library, held May 17, 1967, in the Lecture Room of the Library. This meeting had been recessed May 10, 1967.

Members present: L. O. Green, Mrs. W. C. Griffin, Donald Kraft, Mrs. Daniel Petty, and Rabbi Karl Weiner, Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian.

Also present: Mrs. Jerome Lamet, observer for the League of Women Voters.

The meeting was opened by the President, L. O. Green, who explained this was the second session since the regular annual meeting called for May 10, 1967 was recessed until this date.

Mrs. Petty moved that all other business be dispensed or postponed until the vacancies be filled. Mrs. Griffin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Petty moved and Mrs. Griffin seconded the following motion.

Motion: That Mr. L. O. Green and Rabbi Karl Weiner be reappointed as directors to 1969, the time of the next Village election.

All ayes.

Mr. Kraft moved and Rabbi Weiner seconded the motion that the financial statements for the General Operating Budget and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings as presented be accepted. All ayes.

The Librarian discussed personnel informing the Board of appointments and resignations.

The Librarian reported on the order for the new bookmobile placed with the Gerstenslager Company. Information was received of a strike in their personnel production and delivery commitments will be reconsidered at the termination of the strike.

The Librarian reported she had been contacted by Mr. McCracken of School District 73-1/2 requesting Skokie Public Library to supply books for summer at that school; train volunteers or teachers to staff the school library and pay the salaries for this personnel.

Mr. Green reported he had been contacted by the East Prairie School and told they were going to include in their budget appropriation for a new building for a library with an outside entrance.

The Librarian informed the Board of a Special Program to be held in the Lecture Room Monday, May 15, 1967 at 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. for all Senior Citizens. Mrs. Frieda Groeger, member of Skokie Art Guild and Hyde Park Senior Citizens whose paintings will be on exhibit will be the honored guest. Members of Skokie Valley Manor and Skokie Park District Senior Citizens groups have been invited.

Each Board member was urged to write his local State Representatives and Senator Arrington to support the appropriation bill to continue to finance the library systems established in Illinois, and to urge defeat of Senate Bill 1428 if it comes to a vote.

In discussion of the building program and consideration of the recommendations by both the Citizens Committee and the League of Women Voters, the suggestion was made that the Library get a professional to make a survey taking into consideration the realities as they are and come up with a report which can be discussed and adopted to assure having the most intelligent plan to offer. In other words when we are ready for the referendum we would have a professional package to offer. Motion by Mrs. Petty seconded by Mrs. Griffin.

Motion: That the Board delegate the Librarian, Mary Radmacher, to look into the hiring of someone to make a survey for the Library prior to the referendum.

All ayes.

The Librarian informed the Board that School District 68 definitely wants the property held by the Library at Gross Point Road and Kenton Avenue. They will pay the amount of money the Library has put into it plus interest, plus all expenses paid by the Library and will be happy to see the clause about future sale put into the agreement. Motion by Rabbi Weiner seconded by Mrs. Griffin.

Motion: On the basis of our stipulations of an agreement with the Library Board we proceed to ask the Board of Trustees of the Village for the approval of the sale of the property at Gross Point Road and Kenton Avenue on the basis of our stipulation as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of December 28, 1966.

All ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p. m. on motion by Mrs. Petty.

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Selma Petty - Secretary