

February 9, 1966

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held February 9, 1966 in the Conference Room of the Skokie Public Library at 7:30 p. m.

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

Also present: Mrs. Milton Estes, observer for the League of Women Voters.

Minutes of the previous meeting held January 19, 1966 were approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Erickson seconded by Mrs. Griffin. All ayes.

The resignation of Mr. Louis Weingart from the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library, submitted by letter, was read and discussed. Mr. Erickson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Mrs. Petty.

That the resignation of Mr. Louis Weingart as a member of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library be accepted with regret.

Resolution adopted. A letter will be sent to Mr. Weingart accepting his resignation.

Financial statements for the General Operating Budget and Reserve Fund for Purchase of Sites and Buildings for the month of January, 1966 were accepted on motion by Mrs. Griffin seconded by Mr. Erickson.

Motion: That the financial statements for the General Operating Budget and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings for the month of January, 1966 be accepted as submitted.

All members voted affirmatively.

Motion by Mr. Erickson seconded by Mrs. Griffin.

Motion: That the list of bills in the amount of twelve thousand six hundred three dollars and forty-six cents (\$12,603.46) be paid.

All ayes.

Circulation Report for the month of January, 1966 was reviewed and the President ordered that it be placed on file.

Recent developments in personnel were discussed.

The Librarian, reporting on System 5, stated several of the twenty-three prospective member libraries have signed their resolutions to participate. A trustee must be appointed from each member library in the System to serve as that library's official representative. This will comprise the System Board. The State Library in its rules and regulations has specified a Board of not to exceed fifteen members. The Executive Committee of Librarians organizing System 5 is suggesting a Board of twelve members, elected by and from the official representatives; and that all members be urged to attend and to voice opinions but voting privileges will be delegated to the twelve Board members. Motion by Mrs. Griffin seconded by Mr. Erickson.

Motion: That the Chairman of the Skokie Public Library Board, L. O. Green, represent this Library.

There were no further nominations and Mr. Green was unanimously elected to represent Skokie Public Library.

The Librarian informed the Board of the Adult Services Department project with the Skokie Park District in leading a book discussion group at Laramie Center. The first meeting was held the morning of this day, February 9, 1966, and both the participants and leaders were very enthusiastic about it. Miss Dorothy Rasmussen and Mrs. Jane Bell are co-leaders.

Mr. Roland Moore, owner and editor of THE NEWS, was admitted to the meeting as a visitor.

At this time the subject of reconsideration of the non-resident fee was introduced. This had been discussed previously by the Board at their meetings and had been a point of discussion at several outside meetings during the referendum. Motion by Mr. Erickson seconded by Mrs. Petty.

Motion: To increase the fee for the non-resident Library card from \$10.00 to \$15.00 annually, to be effective as of May 1, 1966. All non-resident card holders are to be informed of this change in fee.

Motion passed unanimously.

Rabbi Weiner stated he had been approached by some of the clergy asking for courtesy use of the Skokie Public Library. After discussion it was the consensus of the Board that all clergy may have courtesy use of this Library.

President Green at this time stated, in line with the motion of the Board at the last meeting, he had drafted a letter to be sent to various civic groups specifically mentioned at that meeting such as the Home Owners Council, League of Women Voters, Skokie Chamber of Commerce and PTA Council. The letter was read to the Board, discussed and approved. The President suggested the Board's consideration of the Women's Club of Skokie, Civic Woman's Club (formerly the Cosmos Club which founded the Skokie Public Library), Lions Club and other interested groups. It was decided to add the Junior Chamber of Commerce to the four groups previously mentioned, thus soliciting five groups each to send four nominees. Suggestion was made by a visitor, Mr. Moore, to permit the Librarian to ask one or two regular users of the Library who are vitally interested in its future to serve on this committee.

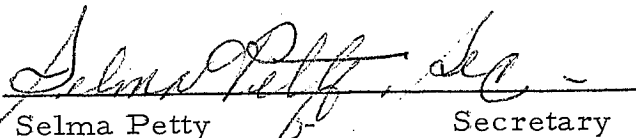
The Librarian called the Board's attention to the date for National Library Week and requested suggestions from them about a program. She also stated due to the precedence set in the past years, it would appear we are committed to a program for the fourth grade students. She reviewed the annual programs for the last five years which were highly successful. Suggestion made to start from the beginning and repeat these annual programs. Another suggestion to have some expert typographers put on a program, using the printing of books for the subject; also Information Retrieval would be an intriguing subject unless it would be a little beyond their interest at that age level. Recommendation made the Librarian make inquiry whether some of these companies have a program geared to the understanding of children at this age. This might be considered for next year as a program for ninth graders. The group which will be ninth graders next year is the same group that participated in the first National Library Week

program in 1962. Rabbi Weiner suggested a program designed to promote the idea of becoming a librarian.

In connection with National Library Week the Librarian called the Board's attention to the plans made by the Illinois Committee to hold four governor's conferences that week, to which public officials, heads of cultural associations and organizations they think can be interested in promoting library work in general, will be invited. Invitations will be sent to 200 people for the Conference to be held in Chicago and 100 people for each of the other three in Carbondale, Champaign and Peoria. Although specific invitations will be sent by Governor Kerner, this does not exclude others who are welcome to attend at their expense. The Librarian suggested the Trustees might like to keep this date in mind if they are interested in attending.

The President requested a reply be sent to Mrs. Joseph Beaver, of the League of Women Voters, thanking her for her letter inquiring about the formation of a Citizens Advisory Committee on Library Services and informing her that a letter will be mailed within the next day or so to organizations requesting appointment of nominees to serve as members of this committee.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on motion by Mr. Erickson seconded by Mrs. Griffin.


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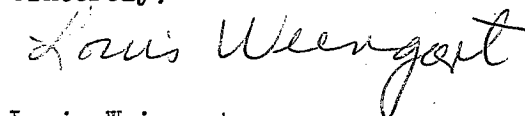
Dear Members of the Board:

After a great deal of consideration, I feel that it is not fair for me to continue as a member of the Library Board.

The years spent working with all of you has been most enjoyable, and it is with regret that this decision has been reached.

In view of the above, please accept my resignation, to take effect at the next meeting.

Sincerely,



Louis Weingart

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