

July 6, 1966

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held July 6, 1966 in the Conference Room at 7:30 p. m.

Members present: Messrs. L. O. Green and Donald Kraft, Mrs. Daniel Petty and Rabbi Karl Weiner.

Also present: Mrs. Jean Olsen, observer from the League of Women Voters.

Mr. L. O. Green, president, presided.

Minutes of the previous meeting held June 8, 1966 were approved on motion by Rabbi Weiner, seconded by Mr. Kraft.

Financial statements for the month of June, 1966, for the General Operating Fund and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings were approved and accepted on motion by Mr. Kraft, seconded by Mrs. Petty.

The following motion was made by Mrs. Petty seconded by Mr. Kraft.

Motion: That the list of bills payable in the amount of eight thousand nine hundred thirty-three dollars and fifty-four cents (\$8,933.54) be approved for payment.

All ayes.

Secretary of the Board, Mrs. Petty, stated the necessary changes are being made in the by-laws to update them and she will submit them for the Board's approval at a later meeting.

The President reporting on the Citizens Advisory Committee announced they plan to meet July 7 at the Library, and asked if there were reports from other Board members. Mrs. Petty stated she had attended one meeting of the Planning and Programing Committee and discovered the committee has visited several libraries as part of their program.

President Green reporting on the progress of System 5 - now to be called North Suburban Regional Library System - stated the Board had submitted

the application to Springfield but it was returned with the request that certain revisions be made in the by-laws, mainly the provision for reciprocal borrowing, but there is another provision the State may be reluctant to accept. Originally the by-laws stated "any library could withdraw from the System at any year end with sixty days notice to the Board of the System and the approval of the State Librarian." Our Board and others would not accept the by-laws with this stipulation. What we did was to change it to "sixty days prior notice to the Board and the State Librarian." Mr. Green requested an opinion on the Board's thinking of what Skokie Public Library's position would be if the State Librarian refuses to accept this. Does this Library want to belong to the System or not? A discussion followed of the benefits to be gained, reaction of other library systems to the provisions and how we might determine the extent of reciprocal borrowing. Suggestion made to work toward this study - get reciprocal borrowing on the table and resolve it. Also, that the State Librarian be asked what can be done to help in the way of a compensation that might be set up at so much per book. The recommendation was made that if it is not too difficult to do, the Library keep track of reciprocal borrowing for two years to determine whether it is sizeable enough to be of concern. President Green reminded the Board it might be difficult to withdraw from the System because of the statement made by the State Librarian that many of the Systems have only one big library and if they were to withdraw it could be disastrous. Consensus of the Board to try it for two years and then, if not satisfactory, try to get out.

Mr. Green read a letter received from School District No. 68 stating their interest in acquiring the balance of the property at Gross Point Road and

Kenton Avenue and asking for first consideration if the Library decides to sell the property. Following discussion it was decided not to sell the property for at least five years but if School District No. 68 would like to use the property a fee should be charged equal to the amount of interest and taxes paid annually.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Petty seconded by Mr. Kraft.

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Selma Petty - Secretary