

January 11, 1967

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held January 11, 1967 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Library.

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

Also present: Mrs. Milton Estes observer from the League of Women Voters. President Green presided.

Minutes of the previous meeting held December 28, 1966 were approved on motion by Mr. Kraft, seconded by Mrs. Griffin. All ayes.

Financial statements for the General Operating Budget and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings were accepted on motion by Rabbi Weiner seconded by Mr. Erickson. All ayes.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin seconded by Mr. Erickson.

Motion: That the list of bills to be paid from the General Operating Budget in the amount of ten thousand four hundred ninety-five dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$10,495.88) be approved for payment.

All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Erickson seconded by Rabbi Weiner.

Motion: That the list of bills to be paid from the Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings in the amount of five hundred forty-six dollars and ten cents (\$546.10) be approved for payment.

All ayes.

Circulation Report for the month of December, 1966 was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

Skokie Public Library received a refund in the amount of \$3,407.50 from Attorney General William Clark for reimbursement in price fixing conspiracy by steel shelving companies.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Daniel Petty, presentation of the

amendments to the by-laws was postponed to a later meeting.

Miss Radmacher reported on: Procedures leading to the sale of the property at Gross Point Road and Kenton Avenue. Because Mr. Scott McDowell is attorney for School District 68 as well as Skokie Public Library he could not assume responsibility for negotiating sale price. Mr. Louis Kahn, Village Finance Director suggested a conservative figure to use for income on invested capital would be four per cent on the amount that had been invested. President Green stated it will be necessary to submit the final figure to the Village Board for approval in the form of a typed resolution of sale on the property.

Report on deputizing of the guard. The Attorney stated nothing could be done unless Chief of Police Chamberlain would put Mr. Hippenmeyer on his force for so many hours per week but there is no legal way of forcing this request. The Librarian was instructed to inquire from the insurance company if there is any coverage for malicious arrest or protection against assault.

Personnel appointments and resignations were discussed.

The Librarian was requested to inquire about what will be received in the way of taxes for the balance of this fiscal year.

Report on the Press Conference. Local newspapers were represented by Mr. Bob Moore and Mrs. Jean Doney from THE NEWS and Mr. William Rivkin from THE LIFE. THE SUN TIMES AND THE TRIBUNE (Chicago newspapers) made a telephone request for material. The Village Board was represented by the Mayor and Trustee Walter B. Flintrup, accompanied by the Village Manager Gordon E. Thorn. Citizens Committee was represented by Mrs. Gladys DuBow, Mrs. Seymour Chaplik and Mr. Edwin Simon. Consensus - there was a more positive reaction to the Library's plans. Use of the term "park" and "civic center" raised the question as to whether both terms might be misunderstood. There appeared to be no question about expansion but rather a question of whether the plans were large enough so that it would not be necessary to go back to the people again.

Report on the North Suburban Library System. Considering the future importance of the System it was suggested Skokie Public Library should campaign to have the headquarters here. Some inducement might be offered. This should be taken into consideration when arranging the building expansion plans.

The Librarian submitted copies of the proposed Book Selection Policy. Question was raised regarding inclusion of the Library Bill of Rights. Motion by Mr. Erickson seconded by Mrs. Griffin.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library adopt the statement of objectives and Book Selection Policy submitted by the Librarian with addition of the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights.

All ayes.

A date of January 18 was set for a meeting of the Committee on Temporary Branches.

The Librarian requested an opinion from the Board about Skokie Public Library's participation in the use of courtesy cards in the North Suburban area. After discussion the following motion was made by Mr. Erickson seconded by Rabbi Weiner.

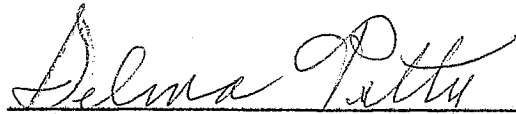
Motion: That the Librarian be authorized to institute a reciprocal courtesy card system in cooperation with other libraries.

All ayes.

Discussion of what can be done in the way of cooperation and support with local cultural groups. Suggestion that Mr. Kraft and Miss Radmacher who have been named to work with the Fine Arts Commission should explore what this group think the community needs in the way of facilities and how ambitious are their ideas. Something might be worked out in the planning and arranging of the conference rooms whereby there will be a dual usage. The accessibility of the rooms

would make a difference in the building design. Questions: Who would be responsible if the Library were open? or closed? would a staff be necessary?

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Erickson.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Selma Petty". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Selma Petty, Secretary (by M. Sarver)