

April 5, 1967

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library, held April 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Library.

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

Also present: Observer for the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Milton Estes. Vice President, Rabbi Weiner, presided.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as received on motion by Donald Kraft seconded by Mrs. Griffin. All ayes.

Financial statements for the General Operating Budget and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings for the month of March, 1967, were approved on motion by Mrs. Griffin seconded by Mrs. Petty. All ayes.

Motion by Mrs. Petty seconded by Mr. Kraft.

Motion: That the list of bills payable in the amount of ten thousand seven hundred twenty-four dollars and twenty-six cents (\$10,724.26) be approved for payment.

All ayes.

Miss Radmacher requested authorization of the Board to pay the bills accumulated from April 1 to April 30 for inclusion in the fiscal year since the cut off date for the April Board meeting (April 5) was April 1.

Motion: That the accumulated bills from April 1 to April 30 be paid during the fiscal 1966-67 year.

All ayes.

Circulation Report for the month of March, 1967 was approved and ordered to be placed on file.

The Librarian reported the National Library Week program will again be for all fourth graders in Skokie. Mr. Donald Kraft is preparing the program on Computers and Science Research Associates (a subsidiary of IBM) will be the co-sponsors.

Recent personnel appointments were discussed.

The Librarian requested the Board members to write to their local representatives asking them to continue the State support of the appropriation for the System Libraries. Names and addresses of the State Representatives were furnished.

A copy of an invitation to attend the Lyons Public Library dedication and open house was given to each Board member.

The Librarian informed the Board that the North Suburban Library System has now appointed a director, Mr. Robert McClarren, effective July 1, 1967.

Reservations for the LACONI-Librarian-Trustees Dinner must be in by April 17. Trustees were asked to notify Miss Radmacher if they can attend.

The Third Trustees Conference will be held October 27-29. It was announced that Mr. Donald Kraft and Miss Florence Burmeister, Head of the Young People's and Children's Department, have been asked to be on the program.

Announcement of the ALA Conference in San Francisco June 25 - July 1, 1967 was made.

A booklist of the Notable Books, 1966, was distributed to each member.

Discussion of having a printed annual report was held. Suggestions were that it be printed in a brochure form with distribution of one per house.

Following motion was made by Mr. Kraft seconded by Mrs. Griffin.

Motion: That the Librarian prepare for distribution a printed annual report that would stress the services rendered by the Library and also have the necessary financial figures. This is to be done by an advertising agency, if the design and layout can be done for an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). If the cost will exceed this amount an appeal must be made to the Board members for a decision.

All ayes.

The Librarian stated the necessity for adding more shelving and mentioned possible areas where this might be done, such as another range might be added at each end of the east side and west side in the lounge area of Adult Services, but this will delete the lounge area. It was the opinion of the Board to leave the

decision of placement up to the Librarian, requesting when this is done a story be put in the newspapers explaining why it was necessary to delete the lounge area.

In discussion of the budget for the 1967-68 year, the Librarian explained that it will not be possible to meet the salary scale which was proposed last year. Part of it has been implemented but not all. Various lines of the budget were discussed in detail. Motion by Mrs. Petty seconded by Mr. Kraft.

Motion: That the Budget for 1967-68 as presented by the Librarian in the amount of four hundred fifty-five thousand eight hundred dollars (\$455,800.00) be adopted.

All ayes.

Proposal was made that a down-payment be made on the order for the new bookmobile of approximately fifty per cent of the approximate cost of \$22,000, or \$11,000 from this year's funds. Motion by Mr. Kraft seconded by Mrs. Griffin.

Motion: That a down-payment of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) be made on the order for the new bookmobile during this fiscal year.

All ayes.

The Librarian recommended a change in the practices of employment that effective March 1, 1967 employees be appointed on either a full-time salaried or part-time hourly basis. This applies to new employees or full-time employees making a change to part-time employment. The Board approved of the change.

The Building Program was opened for discussion by Rabbi Weiner who stated that from the results of the open hearings the Library Board should be ready to move. Three things should be done - (1) press for the transfer of the land required as speedily as possible; (2) planning for the building on that site so that we know what we want to present and how much it will cost; and (3) to approach the Village Board with a request for the referendum or some other way of financing.

Mr. James Hammond, architect, asked if the acquisition of the 125 feet will carry the assumption that the Library will have the guarantee of parking with

the Village and also have some open space. Rabbi Weiner answered that we should assume we are back to the original arrangement with the Village, that 125 feet belongs to us and there should be no future revision of the usage of the land between us and the Village Hall. Also, the open space grant must be explored. We must press for a definition as to whether the land belongs to the Federal government. We are very much interested in what might happen to it even to buying it ourselves.

The Architect stated that thinking in terms of expansion for ten years from now raises the question of whether one story or expansion in a two story building should be studied in detail. Vertical expansion is rather expensive but it might be wise to look into the possibility of actually building the third story and leaving it empty until needed. From a financial standpoint this would be the best thing to do. Rabbi Weiner requested the Librarian and Architect to work on this idea.

Consensus that it would be unreasonable to consider a referendum before the fall - October could be a good month or early part of November.

Rabbi Weiner appointed Mr. Kraft and Miss Radmacher to determine whether it is reasonable to assume that the Library can go along with the three mills plus the one and a half million in bonds or whether it would be more realistic for us to go ahead in the referendum for tax increase as well.

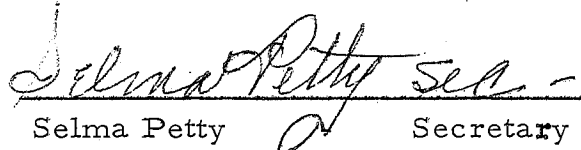
Rabbi Weiner stated the Library cannot go to the community at this point and announce it is building without, at the same time, dealing with some of the suggestions that the Citizens Committee has taken very seriously, such as branches. Some answers must be given to them. Miss Radmacher's statement on a school-housed branch library was distributed to the Board members and discussion followed.

Rabbi Weiner read a letter of resignation from Mr. Conroy Erickson and stated he received this resignation with regret. The Board must consider between now and the next meeting a possible replacement to fill the void. Discussion

followed.

Mrs. Petty moved the Board accept the resignation of Mr. Conroy V. Erickson with regret and a letter be sent to him expressing the Board's personal regrets and loss as well as the community's loss. Mrs. Griffin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Petty seconded by Mrs. Griffin.


Selma Petty Secretary

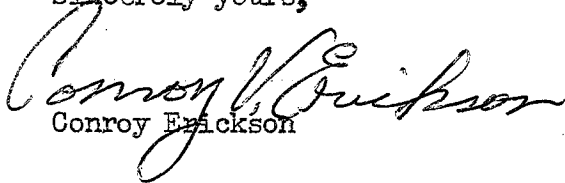
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Dear Friends:

For the record, this will serve as a formal confirmation of my decision to resign from the Board, effective immediately. Please accept my continued best wishes and fondest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


Conroy Erickson