

December 28, 1966

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library postponed from December 14, 1966 and held December 28, 1966 in the Conference Room of the Library at 7:30 p. m.

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

Mrs. Diane Hunter representative from the League of Women Voters was also present.

Rabbi Karl Weiner, Acting Chairman, presided.

Financial statements for the General Operating Fund and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings for the month of November, 1966, were accepted and placed on file.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin seconded by Mr. Kraft.

Motion: That the lists of bills in the amounts of twelve thousand twenty-five dollars and six cents (\$12,025.06) and two thousand two hundred thirty-three dollars and nineteen cents (\$2,233.19) be approved for payment.

All ayes.

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

The Librarian reported that Chief Chamberlain does not want to deputize anyone outside his own police force, including the Library's guard. Recommendation was made that the Library's legal counsel be asked if this can be done.

The schedule for the holiday season this year will be the same as last year - the Library will be closed all day the day before Christmas and open 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. the day before New Year's Day.

Miss Radmacher informed the Board she had received specifications from Paul Wyer for the new bookmobile. He plans to be in Skokie early in 1967

to go over these specifications. Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Petty.

Motion: That the Library defer payment for the new bookmobile beyond what is necessary for the payment for the chassis until the bookmobile is delivered in 1967.

All ayes.

The Secretary was instructed to draft an amendment to the by-laws to provide for the election of a Vice-President of the Board, the filling of vacancies as they occur and the spelling out of the duties of the Vice-President for reading at the next regular Board meeting.

Discussion of the sale of the property the Library is buying located at Gross Point Road and Kenton Avenue to School District 68. Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Griffin:

Motion: That the Library offer to negotiate the sale of the Gross Point Road and Kenton Avenue property to the District 68 School Board on the basis of a price including our current investment in principal, interest, taxes and other expenses as of the date of sale plus a reasonable amount representing what would have been earned if the money had been invested elsewhere over this period of time.

All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Kraft seconded by Mr. Erickson.

Motion: That the Library Board include a clause in our sales contract which would state that we are selling this land to District 68 for the school usage on that site and if they, in turn, sell this property for other than school purposes on that site for more money than paid to us, the Library received a proportionate share of the profits.

All ayes.

The Librarian was instructed to notify School District 68 of the action of the Board at this meeting. A letter should be prepared for Rabbi Weiner's signature.

The Librarian informed the Board Mr. Ed. Simon asked that the Citizens Committee Report remain as submitted with reference to the date of their recommendation having preceded joint action of the Village and Library Boards on the

concept of the Oakton Street civic center.

Rabbi Weiner reported on a meeting he had with Mayor Smith. The Mayor expressed his agreement with having branches and experimenting with a temporary arrangement. When the Mayor was informed of Mr. Kahn's idea of avoiding a referendum, he stated that when the Library is ready with the finished plans there should be a meeting with the Trustees of both Boards plus whoever else would be needed to work out this plan. He suggested Miss Radmacher ask Mr. Kraft to attend the Fine Arts meeting, and suggested a meeting with the Village Planning Department so the Library's architectural plans may be known to them.

In discussion of the Citizens Committee Report and recommendations contained therein the following points were mentioned: 1) the news release which appeared in the local papers the preceding week end; 2) announcement of the Press Conference on January 9 at 3:00 p.m. in the Library; and 3) discussion of recommendations.

The forming of two committees was recommended. Rabbi Weiner appointed Mrs. Griffin to work with the Librarian on Sunday openings. Mr. Erickson, Mr. Kraft and Rabbi Weiner will form the committee for branches and neighborhood services.

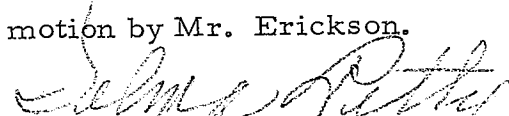
Following discussion of the size of the expansion and amount of money to be involved, Mr. Erickson presented the following motion seconded by Mrs. Petty.

Motion: That the Architect and Librarian be directed to prepare specifications for an expansion of the main library within a total expenditure of one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000).

All ayes.

An acknowledgement of appreciation for the Board's expression of sympathy in the death of his father was sent to the Board by Mr. James Hammond and read at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Erickson.


Selma Pettu Secretary