

November 14, 1984

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Skokie Public Library held Wednesday, November 14, 1984.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Diana Hunter, President. Mrs. Hunter noted a quorum was present.

Members present: Diana Hunter, President; Dr. John M. Wozniak, Vice President; Shirley Merritt, Secretary; Dr. Herman S. Bloch; Walter Flintrup; Eva Weiner; Norma L. Zatz; and Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 1984

Dr. Bloch requested the following corrections: page 3, under INSURANCE, third line of the motion, "who" should be changed to "whom"; same motion, fifth line "to provide" should be changed to "for"; page 5, last sentence on the page, "for approval" should be added after the word "vote."

Mr. Flintrup then moved and Mrs. Zatz seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Zatz made the following motion, seconded by Dr. Bloch:

MOTION: That the Skokie Public Library Board moves that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved subject to audit;

1. Financial Statements
2. Bills

A roll call vote for approval was unanimous.

Mrs. Zatz made the following motion, seconded by Dr. Bloch:

MOTION: That the Skokie Public Library Board moves that the following items be placed on file:

1. Information from Frederick E. Thompson, First National Bank of Skokie Re Repurchase Agreements
2. Suburban Library System, Unemployment Compensation Fund for 3 Months Ending September 30, 1984

3. Circulation Reports
4. Library Use Statistics
5. Correspondence
6. Reports from Department Heads

The motion passed unanimously.

REVENUE SHARING APPLICATION NILES TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Hunter asked for suggestions for use of Niles Township Revenue Sharing Funds.

Mrs. Weiner entered the meeting.

Suggestions include: increasing the videocassette collection; a car for the Library; housing the bookmobile; obtaining more Apple computers; and obtaining new microfilm and microfiche reader printers.

Dr. Wozniak entered the meeting.

Mrs. Hunter will incorporate ideas submitted when applying for funds.

REPORT FROM STAFF RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Mr. Flintrup reported on the staff recognition committee meeting at which the following motion was made by Mr. Flintrup, seconded by Mrs. Weiner:

MOTION: That the staff recognition committee recommends that the Skokie Public Library expend an amount not to exceed \$1000 to hold a reception in the Library honoring those employees (and their spouses) having 20 or more years of service.

A roll call vote passed the motion unanimously.

The gift for each 20 or more year employee will be a paperweight with a small replica of the Library business card cast in a gold color mounted in marble. The date for the staff recognition reception is Sunday, January 20, 1985, after the Library is closed at 5 p.m. A small presentation and reception will be held.

Miss Radmacher distributed a list of current personnel listing the date each employee began employment. The next staff recognition reception will be in 1987. Mrs. Hunter thanked the committee for their efforts.

RECOMMEND CLOSING THE LIBRARY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1984

Miss Radmacher reported that as of now, it looks as if the Library will not have to close to complete barcoding, but recommended closing the Library Sunday, December 23, 1984.

After discussion, Mr. Flintrup made the following motion, seconded by Dr. Wozniak:

MOTION: That the Skokie Public Library Board moves to close the Library on December 23.

A roll call vote passed unanimously.

Discussion followed as to placing a sign on the front doors of the Library indicating which other libraries are open December 23 if patrons need to use a library. Miss Radmacher will check on this.

INSURANCE

The letter from Northbrook Property and Casualty Insurance Company and the letter from Boyle Flagg and Seaman were read by the trustees. The questions arose as to how high our premium would rise and what would happen if we did not institute No. 83-10-1 as listed in the Northbrook letter. Miss Radmacher will check with Mr. English regarding this. The question of fire drills also arose. Do we have them often? Miss Radmacher will call the Fire Prevention Department re information on this. Miss Radmacher explained the Skokie Public Library has a telephone connection to the Fire Department by telephone lines and that heat anywhere in the building will set off the alarm in the building and send a telephone call to the Fire Department.

Emergency lighting has been investigated but location of lights is waiting information from the Skokie Fire Prevention Department.

Miss Radmacher clarified Occurence Basis to the trustees which appeared in Mr. English's letter of the October 10, 1984 Board meeting.

REPORT ON AUTOMATION

Miss Radmacher reported that work on the computer room is progressing well and that the computer is due to arrive December 1.

REPORT FROM EVA WEINER RE KURZWEIL READING MACHINE (KRM)

Mrs. Weiner reported that when she attended a reference section meeting of LACONI recently she received much praise for her concept letter sent to the Illinois State Library. Bridget Lamont, Director, Illinois State Library, commented how outstanding and creative the idea was.

REPORT ON NORTH SUBURBAN LIBRARY SYSTEM

Mrs. Weiner reported on the meeting at SAVS and the meeting regarding budget control headaches on October 29 which she attended with Dr. Bloch. Dr. Bloch attended the session conducted by Peat Marwick & Mitchell regarding petty theft; loss of property; and avoiding long range financial troubles. Dr. Bloch gave two tables to Miss Radmacher which he would like completed for the next meeting. Mrs. Weiner went to a different session at the October 29 meeting conducted by Dr. Hefner of the American Medical Association.

Mrs. Weiner also reported that there is going to be an intellectual freedom meeting on December 3 at System Headquarters at 7:30 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES

Mrs. Merritt asked what is happening with the energy audit. Northwestern University has been called and is working on finding a student to analyze our energy audit.

Mrs. Weiner asked what can be done to promote all Skokie Public Library programs as much as the Young Steinway Series. Mrs. Hunter answered that hopefully some day cable TV will help with this situation.

Mrs. Hunter suggested passing a resolution on the death of Louis A. Lerner, publisher, Lerner Newspapers, and send sympathy to his family and mention his recognition of libraries on a local and national level. Miss Radmacher will send one.

Dr. Wozniak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flintrup:

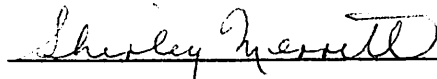
MOTION: That a resolution be sent to Lerner Newspapers and the Lerner family from the Skokie Public Library Board extending sympathy to the family and that the resolution mention Louis A. Lerner's recognition of libraries on both a national and local level.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Hunter mentioned meeting with Miss Radmacher, Peter Bury, Librarian, Glenview Public Library and Mary Lou Aagaard, President, Glenview Public Library Board, on November 9 for informational purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.


Shirley Merritt -- Secretary

THE SKOKIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1984

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Board and Staff of the Skokie Public Library join his multitude of friends in mourning his death, express heartfelt sympathy and most sincere condolences to his family, and pay tribute to Mr. Lerner as a vibrant individual and compassionate humanitarian, and;

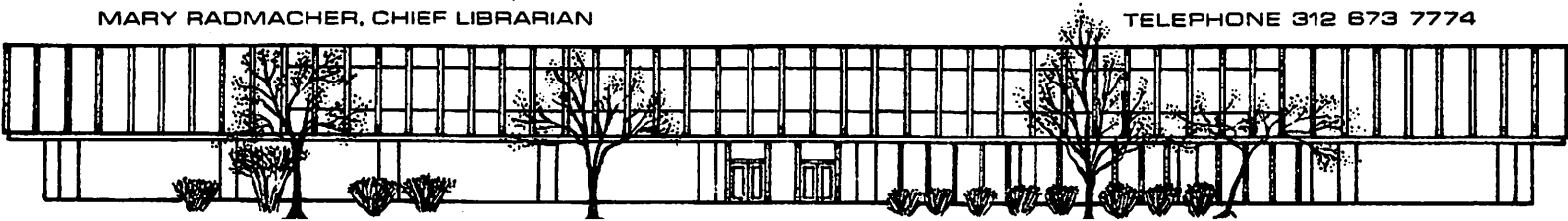
WHEREAS, We recognize his contributions to society through his services and dedication to the library community as a Commissioner on the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; as Vice President of the Board of the Chicago Public Library, and member of that Board for ten years; and as a strong supporter of library service through his active membership in national and state library associations, and;

WHEREAS, We recognize his distinguished foreign service as the United States Ambassador to Norway from 1977 to 1980 and his innumerable contributions to the press through the neighborhood and suburban Lerner newspapers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this resolution be incorporated in the official minutes of the Skokie Public Library Board and that his widow Mrs. Susan Lerner receive the original copy.

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Library passes memorial resolution

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