

November 12, 1980

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held Wednesday, November 12, 1980.

In the absence of Rabbi Weiner, President, Mrs. Diana Hunter noted that a quorum was present.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Mrs. Diana Hunter, Vice President.

Members present: Mrs. Diana Hunter, Vice President; Dr. John Wozniak, Secretary; Mr. Walter Flintrup; Mr. Richard Lindberg; Mrs. Shirley Merritt; Mrs. Norma Zatz; and Miss Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Member absent: Rabbi Karl Weiner, President.

Miss Radmacher explained that Rabbi Weiner's absence was caused by his dismissal from the hospital just the day before with the instructions from his doctor to go out only an hour and a half each day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Hunter asked that the wording be changed in the first sentence of paragraph two (2) under North Suburban Library System, page six (6), to read as follows:

"Mrs. Hunter expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed expansion composition of the System's Board and the additional financing required to move into multi-type libraries."

The third sentence in the same paragraph will read as follows:

"Mr. Flintrup will attend the scheduled hearing on October 20th and Mrs. Hunter will attend the hearing on October 21st, and they will read the letter at these hearings."

Dr. Wozniak made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Zatz to approve the minutes of the October 9th meeting as corrected, and to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held Wednesday, October 22, 1980, as written. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & BILLS

After looking over the financial statements, Mrs. Zatz made the following motion, seconded by Dr. Wozniak:

MOTION: That the financial statements for the General Operating Fund, the Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings, the Report on the Fine Arts Acquisition Fund, and the Selma Regan Petty Memorial Fund be accepted, and that the lists of bills for the General Operating Fund in the amounts of \$30,827.19 and \$5,265.94, be approved for payment, subject to audit.

The motion was approved unanimously.

CIRCULATION REPORTS & LIBRARY USE STATISTICS

Mrs. Hunter suggested that the Library invite the senior citizens living in the new Senior Citizen Building, on an invitational basis, to attend some kind of film and programs that would be of particular interest to them.

Mrs. Zatz said that she thinks it is important that the Library communicate with the schools in the area in order for the teenagers to be informed as to what the Library has to offer them.

The Circulation Reports and the Library Use Statistics were placed on file.

ADVANTAGES OF CHECKING ACCOUNT IN THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SKOKIE VS. THE NORTHERN TRUST BANK

In response to the request to investigate the checking account at the Northern Trust Bank, Miss Radmacher reported that the Northern Trust is giving interest only on personal checking accounts and that the Library is a commercial account. One of the greatest advantages of the Skokie Public Library keeping its account local (1st National Bank of Skokie) is that money can be transferred from savings to checking on Monday morning following a Friday payday, thereby gaining the interest over the weekend. This accumulates to an added 52 days of interest each year.

Mr. Flintrup explained the State Treasurer's Financial Pool which the North Suburban Library System uses.

GIFT OF "THE PROMISED LAND"

The gift of the handsome book "The Promised Land," from Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kravitz, was duly noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

The "Letters to the Editor" letter from Mr. Richard M. Lichtenstein, and the Library's response to him, were duly noted.

PERSONNEL

Miss Radmacher reported on the appointments, transfer and resignations of Library staff. She also reported that CETA employees through the Village of Skokie and paid by the Village are working out very well.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH FILMING - CLOSING OF PARKING LOTS

Parking for Library patrons during the filming of "Skokie" movie on November 24 may be inconvenient. Mrs. Hunter suggested posting signs alerting the patrons to possible inconvenience, and to make bookmarks to insert in the books with the same information. Miss Radmacher said she will do that.

EXPANSION INTO FORMER TECHNICAL SERVICES AREA

The Trustees looked over the proposal from Business Interiors. Dr. Wozniak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flintrup to accept the proposal subject to approval by Mr. Lyon, our attorney.

During the discussion that followed, paragraph four (4) on page five (5) regarding the relationship between Skokie Public Library and Business Interiors was questioned as to Business Interiors' responsibilities as the architects and as the contractor. Mr. Lindberg volunteered to sit in with Mr. Lyon to try to clear this up.

Dr. Wozniak and Mr. Flintrup then withdrew their motion.

It was decided that the proposal will be sent to the attorney before any action is taken on it by the Board. When Mr. Lyon sends back an approved document, Miss Radmacher will send copies to the Trustees for them to look over. Seventy-two hours after Miss Radmacher has mailed them she will contact each Trustee and take a poll. Mr. Flintrup made this into the form of a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindberg. The roll was called and the motion was approved.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES

Mr. Flintrup said that he has heard a number of comments as to how nice the Village Green looks, but the patrons are still more concerned about the parking problem. He said he thinks it is permissible to park in the Senior Citizen building parking lot, and when everything is completed we should take another look at the parking situation.

Mr. Flintrup said he would like to see appreciation expressed to George Fascardo for all the time and effort he has put in on the Village Green project.

Mrs. Merritt asked Miss Radmacher if there is going to be a Book Sale and Miss Radmacher said the Library is aiming for the date of December 6th to hold the Book Sale in the former Technical Services Area.

Mrs. Hunter commented on the Lincolnwood Library opening festivities which is taking place November 30th. She suggested that we send either a congratulatory wire or a floral arrangement and that someone from the Board should attend. Mr. Flintrup and Mrs. Zatz volunteered to go. Miss Radmacher will see to it that a floral arrangement is sent.

Mr. Lindberg commented that the libraries should be aware of the threat of the Moral Majority's push to censor books in libraries.

NORTH SUBURBAN LIBRARY SYSTEM

Mr. Flintrup reported that NSLS has approved the contract with the consultant who will appraise CLSI. This will give us a better view of CLSI and the data should be available to us by the first of the year.

Mr. Flintrup said that he thought NSLS should take a position on the proposed expansion of the System to include libraries of all types, but they did not. At the hearing he attended most of the people there were from schools, and the affiliates want to be used. He said the feeling among these affiliates is they would like to get more programs placed in the libraries.

BOOK RETURN LOCATION

Miss Radmacher reported that the Village suggested that the book returns be located on the Village Green on the east side of the Library driveway. She said we will try it and see if it causes any problems.

DATAPHASE SYSTEMS

Sue Whetstone from the Deerfield Public Library contacted Miss Radmacher re the Deerfield Board meeting with our Board to consider participating in computerization with DataPhase. The Board felt that this would be premature but Miss Radmacher should pursue a meeting of our staff with the Deerfield Library staff to look into this.

Mr. Flintrup commented that we are being viewed critically as mavericks by NSLS because we are looking into other computer companies than CLSI.

Mrs. Merritt asked if we know what is accessible from CLSI and from DataPhase for our needs. She said she thinks we need more understanding, including the expenses involved, of the applications of each company to our requirements. She said there is a computer instructor at Oakton College who is familiar with library needs and she suggested that someone from the Skokie Public Library staff talk to her.

REPORT ON SECURITY SYSTEM PROGRESS

Miss Radmacher reported that the CETA personnel are adding the targets to the books and the project is coming along well. There has been no installation of equipment to date.

BUILDING

To date we have not received a cost of a wooden railing for the Auditorium. By the next meeting we should have a report on the condition of the carpeting from the laboratory test.

BOOKMOBILE

Re the old bookmobile, the Niles Public Library District does want it.

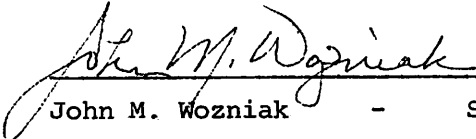
Re the new bookmobile, the trustees said the Library staff should make the decision as to the colors. Also, wording regarding the financing must appear on the Bookmobile.

PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The discussion on the Professional Enrichment Program was tabled until the next meeting when Rabbi Weiner is present.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

  
John M. Wozniak - Secretary