

January 19, 1966.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held January 19, 1966 in the Conference Room of the Library.

Members present: Conroy V. Erickson, L. O. Green, Mrs. W. C. Griffin, and Mrs. Daniel Petty, Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian.

Mr. Edwin Simon, Skokie resident, was a visitor to observe the meeting.

President of the Board, Mr. L. O. Green, presided.

Minutes of the previous meeting held December 8, 1965 were approved as submitted.

Financial reports for the month of December, 1965 for the General Operating Budget and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings were approved as submitted, on motion by Mrs. Petty seconded by Mrs. Griffin. All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Petty.

Motion: That the list of bills in the amount of thirteen thousand seventy-seven dollars and eighty-five cents (\$13,077.85) and four hundred three dollars and eleven cents (\$403.11) be approved for payment.

All votes were affirmative.

Circulation Report for the month of December, 1965 was approved and ordered to be filed.

Personnel appointments and resignations were discussed.

Miss Radmacher called the Board's attention to the continuation of the Children's Storytime to be held three times weekly for ten weeks beginning January 18, 1966.

The Librarian also announced to the Board and requested their viewing of an art exhibit arranged by the Skokie Art Guild in the Lecture Room and throughout the Library. The paintings are by Milton Lambert and the sculpture by Mrs. Anne Prower.

The President reminded the Board of the discussion of System 5 held at the previous Board meeting. The Librarian distributed copies of a proposed

resolution for adoption by the Skokie Public Library for participation in the Library System in Northern Cook County.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library that a Public Library System be established for northern suburban Cook County and surrounding territory in the manner as provided for in House Bill No. 563 adopted by the 74th General Assembly and approved by the Governor August 17, 1965.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that any Library may terminate its participation in the System at the end of the current contract year upon ninety days written notice to the System Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that "free use of the total library resources within a System" shall be, at the present time, by inter-library loan through the Center, using the resources of the Research and Reference Centers as well as the collections of member libraries and following the ALA General Inter-Library Loan Code as approved 1956.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED contingent on the foregoing resolutions that the Skokie Public Library be one of the participating libraries of said System.

Motion by Mr. Erickson seconded by Mrs. Griffin that the Resolution be adopted. All ayes.

At this time the President requested discussion on formation of a Citizens Committee Advisory to the Library Board. It was agreed the committee should not be too big - not more than 10 or 15 people. The President stated the basic problem now is how to select members as a basis of the committee. The suggestion was made that an outside agency such as League of Women Voters, Home Owners Council, etc. might be contacted and asked to present nominees. Recommendation was made to have four nominees each from PTA Council, League of Women Voters, Home Owners Council and Chamber of Commerce. The opinion was expressed that as it looks now it will be necessary to build a larger addition. The Librarian stated she felt if the committee had just the expansion to think about there would not be a single objection. No one has talked with her directly who did not want the expansion here. It would appear that putting the issue up

again without a branch would go through. Concensus that the original plans for an addition could not be made smaller, if anything must be made larger.

Mr. Erickson asked if there had been any contact made with the Village regarding the confusion over the open space grant. The answer was that the Village thinks there will be no problem, but Mr. Green will contact the Village again concerning this property and see what they have to say. Mr. Erickson insisted that something should be had in writing.

The President asked for a resolution to have a letter sent to the suggested groups explaining the proposal for the Citizens Committee and asking them to submit nominees. He further asked Miss Radmacher to recast her projections as to needs, submit this at the February meeting for consideration, following which a tentative proposal can be given to the architect so he can prepare rough sketches. Resolution by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Petty.

RESOLVED to have the President of the Library Board, L. O. Green, send a letter under his signature to PTA Council, League of Women Voters, Home Owners Council and the Skokie Chamber of Commerce asking them to submit names of four nominees from their organization to form and become part of a Citizens Committee Advisory to the Library.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Library business Mr. Simon expressed his thanks to the Board for the opportunity of attending the meeting. He commended the Board for the tremendous effort put into the referendum and the good job done. He stated that while he had not been a friend of the issue as presented he could sympathize with the Board for its failure. He also stated he hoped any feeling of animosity there might have been would not continue. He informed the Board he is very much interested in increased library facilities for the community and will do all he can to see that we have it, will work toward that end and the Board may call on him anytime he can be of assistance. Stated he has some influence in the home owners group and League of Women Voters, mentioned his feeling that the program just discussed should be

successful since it was merely a matter of bringing together an active committee and have them go out and sell the program to the community. Again he complimented the Board for the effort and time put into the last referendum and expressed his hope the next one will be successful.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p. m.

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