

January 10, 1968

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Skokie Public Library held January 10, 1968 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Library.

Members present: L. O. Green, Mrs. W. C. Griffin, Howard V. Hummer, Donald Kraft and Rabbi Karl Weiner, Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian.

Also present: Mrs. Gladys DuBow, observer for the League of Women Voters and Mr. Edwin Simon.

Minutes of the previous meeting held November 8 were approved as read.

Financial statements for November and December for the Operating Budget and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings were accepted on motion by Mr. Kraft, seconded by Mrs. Griffin. All ayes.

The lists of bills as prepared for December 13 and January 10 were approved for payment on motion by Mrs. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Hummer. All ayes.

Circulation Reports for the months of November and December were accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The Librarian informed the Board of recent personnel appointments to the staff of the Library.

The Librarian asked for an evaluation of the "Festival of the Arts" by the Board. The entire Board agreed that it had been an excellent program and all comments received were good. The Librarian distributed copies of letters of appreciation she had received from Mr. William Brace, Professor at Rosary College and Mr. Howard Sigmond.

Rabbi Weiner informed the Board he had been contacted by Mr. Harold Bear, President of the Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestral Association and Chairman of the Village's Fine Arts Commission. The Fine Arts Commission was very much impressed with what had been done December 3 and, at their executive meeting January 9, discussed the possibility of the Library accepting the role of being the big brother of the arts in the community and perhaps

being a home for the cultural interests in the community. Their idea is to use an amount of \$1400.00 from the Fine Arts Commission Budget for defraying the cost of mailings and programs. Mr. Bear's question was whether the Library would be interested in using this money for cultural events. Their plans are to get some exciting speakers for a program combined with the fine arts - an involvement of all fine arts groups. If the Library is interested would a chairman be appointed to serve. Rabbi Weiner's reaction to this was favorable and all other members reflected his attitude with the recommendation that the project be pursued further. Mr. Donald Kraft who had formerly been appointed to serve as the Library's representative to the Fine Arts Commission was appointed Chairman of the Program Committee. Rabbi Weiner will so inform the Fine Arts Commission.

The Librarian reported that delivery of the new Bookmobile should be next month. Use of the old bookmobile was discussed with the suggestion that it might be a good idea to take it to a spot and make arrangements to keep it there for a while for the use of people in that neighborhood. The recommendation was made that someone from Northwestern might be hired to operate it. Old Orchard Shopping Plaza was mentioned as one possible location. The Librarian will look into use of the old bookmobile.

The Librarian reminded the Board of the program for Senior Citizens held the third Wednesday of the month in the Library from 1:00 to 3:00 which started December 20, 1967. The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 1968. Publicity for this was discussed and Rabbi Weiner asked Mr. Hummer to cover the newspapers. The Librarian reported invitations have been sent to all members of the Park District Senior Citizens groups, Mrs. Zemel, and some of the nursing homes. Suggestion for other contacts were church bulletins to carry a notice of the meetings.

The date of January 18, at 7:00 p. m. was set for a special meeting of the Board for discussion of the preliminary draft of the survey by Dr. Guy Garrison.

In reporting on progress for getting title to the property east of the Library, the Librarian reported on correspondence between Attorneys Scott McDowell and Gilbert Gordon and a memo from James Arnold to Gordon Thorn. Rabbi Weiner reported that he had seen the Mayor and his report was that HUD said the Village had committed the land to them. Apparently the Village accepted the Library's payment on the land of \$90,000 and then signed a declaration to HUD that there were no attachments or liens on it. A man from HUD visited the area and when he saw the whole situation he was furious. Rabbi Weiner will check again to see if anything further has been done to rectify the situation.

The Librarian read a communique from Baird & Warner concerning property on Skokie Highway between Church and Gross Point Road.

A request was received from the Superintendent of School District 69 for library service to non-residents of Skokie. After discussion the Board instructed the Librarian to report to Mr. Ralph Johnson that the Library Board is sympathetic with their situation but simply cannot comply with the request.

The Librarian reported the NSLS has asked member libraries to submit a main entry card of all adult titles added as of January 1, 1968. The Board accepted the Librarian's recommendation to comply with the request.

The Librarian submitted the recommended salary scale for professional librarians and after discussion Mr. Hummer made the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Kraft.

Motion: That the Library adopt as a policy the recommended salary scale submitted at this meeting.

All ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p. m. on motion by Mr. Hummer, seconded by Mrs. Griffin.


Selma Petty (Secretary) by M. Sarver