

October 19, 1978

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library postponed from October 11 held on October 19, 1978, at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Rabbi Karl Weiner, President; Diana Hunter; Dr. John Wozniak; Norma Zatz; Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian. Mr. Flintrup, Mr. Lindberg and Mrs. Merritt were not in attendance.

Also present: Elliott Balter.

Before convening the meeting, the Board members went on a tour of the Circulation Department.

After returning to the Board room, President Weiner called the meeting to order, with a quorum present.

Mr. Balter stated that he visited the meeting tonight to clarify his work on the sculpture; that if the Library Board would require a documentation of the sculpture it would be easier and more artistic for him to do the documentation. It will be necessary for him to move into a larger studio because of the size of the sculpture, which could not be moved through the door of his present studio. He will make arrangements for photographs to be made of the progress of the sculpture, at his direction. He felt it would be more economical for him to document the sculpture himself. Rabbi Weiner asked for the approximate cost of the documentation, and Mr. Balter replied that it would be approximately \$500; that he will document from the beginning through slides and black and white photographs and essay in addition to the physical development and the esthetics. There will be a lucid feeling of technique. It can be done in book form, essay form or lecture form. Mrs. Hunter asked if we need anything so extensive. Mr. Balter

replied that it will be a historical documentation. President Weiner remarked that if the Board was of the opinion that someone would be interested in it, it would be worthwhile; otherwise it would not be necessary. He asked if it could be used for art classes, etc. Mr. Balter replied that it could be used in art classes, in schools, for community groups, and probably for other purposes. President Weiner remarked that it might be valuable in the future if the amount were minimal.

Mrs. Hunter requested that this item be tabled until a future meeting when more of the members would be present.

Mr. Balter stated that the agreement between him and the Library Board had been signed and was satisfactory.

Mr. Balter stated that there will be three or four models constructed before the actual sculpture is completed; that he will document for his own purpose regardless of what the Board will vote. This will be a book presentation and slide presentation.

There was some discussion after Mr. Balter's departure, and it was decided that a book document will not be necessary.

On motion of Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mrs. Zatz, and unanimously adopted, the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 1978 were approved.

Miss Radmacher explained that because of an error in the voucher numbers, there are two sets of statements for the General Operating Fund.

Dr. Wozniak made the following motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Zatz, and on roll call, carried unanimously:

MOTION: That the financial statements be accepted and that the lists of bills for the General Operating Fund in the amounts of \$25,603.41 and \$13,737.16 be approved for payment, subject to audit.

The Circulation Report for September 1978 was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The report on the book bag sales was ordered placed on file.

A letter from Dorothy Litwin of the Fine Arts Commission was received thanking the Library Board and staff for its cooperation in the dedication of the Skokie Light Sculpture.

A thank you letter was received from Ellen Hohlfedder of the North Shore Business and Professional Women's Club for their first meeting of the season.

A letter was received from Mollie Morrison of Chugiak, Alaska explaining the return of several books that had been "borrowed" from the Library six years ago.

A gift of \$25.14 was received from Karen Honig.

Miss Radmacher discussed the appointments of Library personnel.

The Board felt that a gift should be sent to Mr. Robert McClarren in recognition of his receiving the Illinois Librarian Citation award.

Mrs. Hunter made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wozniak, and on roll call carried unanimously:

MOTION: That the Library Board send a plant to Mr.
Robert McClarren at his home in recognition
of his receiving the ILA award.

It was suggested that a message be sent to Mrs. Petty telling her that the Board is thinking of her.

With reference to the North Suburban Library System and the consideration of the increase of rent paid by them for space in the Library building, this matter was tabled until a report is received from Mr. Flintrup with reference to their rental space in other libraries.

A motion was made by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, and unanimously carried:

MOTION: That the matter of the increase in rent charged to NSLS be tabled until it can be further discussed with Mr. Flintrup.

Miss Radmacher commented on the letters sent to delinquent patrons and the results thereof.

Miss Radmacher spoke to the Chicago Public Library with reference to their gift policy and was informed that they have the following policy: "Chicago Public Library reserves the right to sell or to dispose of in any way it sees fit any gift to the Library."

Dr. Wozniak suggested that the Library Board should adopt a policy of judging individual gifts. Miss Radmacher explained that we do not appraise any gifts for income tax purposes. That is up to the donor. President Weiner stated that since we have a book selection policy we could include other gift items such as pictures, films, etc.

A motion was made by Mrs. Zatz, seconded by Dr. Wozniak, and carried unanimously:

MOTION: That the book selection policy be amended to include "any other gifts and the disposal of any material that cannot be used by the Library."

Miss Radmacher reviewed the library's roof problems. Mr. Frank Stowell has people working on the problem now. There is not much that can be done at this time of the year, but it must be patched to last over the winter. Mr. Schiewe suggested a new material that covers the entire surface of the roof. This material is called Trocal, and he highly recommends it. The cost is approximately \$1 more per square foot than the traditional roofing. However, Jim Hammond does not recommend it. Miss Radmacher would like to have Mr. Flintrup "Roof Chairman" present when any action is taken.

It was pointed out that the parquet floor in the Board Room is buckling, and the engineers cannot account for it.

"The American Short Story" film series directed by Allen Schwartz was discussed. This series has been a tremendous success, and because of the number of people wishing to attend, another series is being held on Thursday mornings in addition to the Friday evening series.

The Illinois Humanities Council is funding Mr. Schwartz's Friday evening series with a \$2,000 payment. Mr. Schwartz's suggestion was a re-application to the Illinois Humanities Council by the Skokie Fine Arts Commission for an additional \$2,000 for this second series.

Discussion followed in which Rabbi Weiner repeated the Library always provides space for such programs and Mrs. Hunter commented that the second presentation by Mr. Schwartz does not involve additional preparation on his part.

A motion was made by Mrs. Zatz, seconded by Dr. Wozniak, and unanimously carried:

MOTION: That the Library Board retain Mr. Allen Schwartz for the sum of \$450 on a part time basis, specifying two hours a week on Thursday morning, from October 19 through December 21, 1978 inclusive, for directing the American Short Story program, subject to the approval of legal counsel.

The following lists, etc. were distributed to the Board members:

Travel Films

October Calendar of Events

Letter to Our Senior Friends in the Community

Great Books Newsletter, October 1978

Exhibits List

Press Releases (9)

Letter and Memo to Presidents and Program Chairman of Local Organizations

Booklists:

"A Selection of Materials on Death and Dying"

"How to Find Out About the Health Care Field"

"A Selected List of Business and Technology Services and Resources"

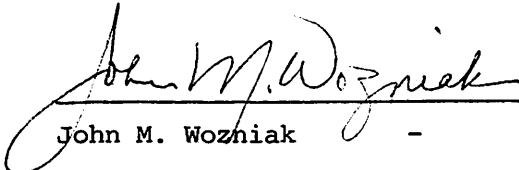
"Women's Concerns; a sampling of current library materials"

"A Representative Selection of Materials In The Coordinated
Acquisitions Program--American & English Literature"

"A Selected List of Recent Acquisitions, September, 1978"

"Opera"

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.


John M. Wozniak - Secretary