

March 9, 1966

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held March 9, 1966 in the Conference Room of the Library.

Members present: Conroy V. Erickson, Mrs. W. C. Griffin, Mrs. Daniel Petty, and Rabbi Karl Weiner, Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian.

Also present: Mr. Fred J. Mocking, representative from the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. Milton Estes, observer from the League of Women Voters.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Daniel Petty, Secretary, presided as Chairman Pro Tem.

Minutes of the previous meeting, held February 9, 1966, were approved as submitted.

Financial statements for the month of February, 1966, for the General Operating Budget and Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings were accepted on motion by Mr. Erickson seconded by Mrs. Griffin. All ayes.

The following motion was made by Mrs. Griffin seconded by Mr. Erickson.

Motion: That the lists of bills in the amount of ninety dollars (\$90.00) and ten thousand sixty-five dollars and fifty-four cents (\$10,065.54) be approved for payment.

All ayes.

Circulation Report for the month of February, 1966 was examined and ordered to be placed on file.

The Librarian called the Board's attention to three gifts received during the month, \$55.00 for books in memory of Mr. Joseph P. Martin, presented by the Village of Skokie Health Department and some teachers from St. Peters Catholic School; two books on Jewish History in memory of Mrs. Millie Korey; and \$25.00 from the Civic Woman's Club of Skokie.

The Board was told of the promotion of Mrs. Soong Yi to Head of Technical Processes Department and the need for a professional assistant and typist for that department was discussed.

Copies of the audit report for the fiscal year 1964 - 1965 were distributed and reviewed.

At the previous Board meeting a question had been asked about the number of non-resident borrowers and an approximate figure was mentioned. The following are the correct figures as of February 28, 1966: 145 fee cards for non-resident borrowers, 30 non-resident staff member cards and 24 cards issued to teachers and clergy.

Copies of two letters received from Mr. Louis Hennes, dated February 10 and February 23, 1966 and our reply of February 17, 1966, were distributed. His mention of a gift to the Library of a bust of Governor Wallace of Alabama was noted and the Librarian stated she had advised Mr. Hennes the Library Board reserves the right to accept or refuse any gift and to dispose of any books, etc. they cannot use. After discussion the following motion was made by Rabbi Weiner seconded by Mr. Erickson.

Motion: That the Library does not accept the offer of a gift of a bust of Governor Wallace from Mr. Louis Hennes since there is no artistic or other significant and meaningful use for it in our Library.

All ayes.

The Librarian stated that in seeking a program for National Library Week, April 17 - 23, 1966, she had contacted the Art Institute of Chicago and they will work with her to formulate an interesting program.

The Board was reminded of the Illinois Library Association's Governor's Conference to be held in Chicago April 18, 1966 and the Librarian again urged as many of the Board members as possible to attend. Recommendation was made by Mrs. Griffin that the Librarian make reservations for all the members of the Board and their escorts.

American Library Association Conference to be held in New York July 10 - 16, 1966 was discussed and the Librarian again urged that as many Trustees as possible should try to attend because of the informative benefits despite the

strenuous schedules. The following Board members expressed their desire and intention of attending: Rabbi Weiner, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Petty and Mr. Erickson. The Librarian stated she would make reservations at The Gotham Hotel for these members. Reservations can be cancelled if there is a change of plans.

Each Board member was given a copy of Annotations... Public Library Development 1966:2, for their information and files.

Two booklists were distributed: The City: Its Problems and Its Prospects, and Selected List of Recent Acquisitions February 1 - 28, 1966.

The Board's attention was called to the Art Exhibit in the Lecture Room by Leonard and Thelma Baer.

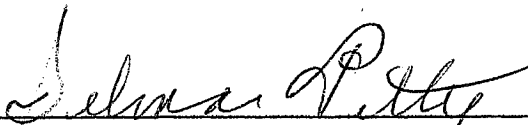
The Librarian read a letter sent to Mr. Green by Mr. Herbert Hersh requesting the Library be open on Sunday afternoons. The following points were brought out in discussion: this has been discussed many times over the years but it has never been possible to work it out, and, at this time, with the minimum staff under which this Library is operating it is almost impossible to add these hours. The question was asked of how many it would take to staff the Library for Sunday afternoon. The answer was a minimum of ten - two in Adult Services, two in Children's, one or two pages in each department, three in Circulation Department and a custodian. It was the consensus that a reply should be sent stating we would like to study this situation rather than a statement of the impossibility of doing so. Miss Radmacher was asked if she would consider using any extra people who may have been librarians at one time. Her reply was that Skokie Public Library is always glad to receive applications and talk with any applicant.

To date two letters have been received in reply to Mr. Green's letter asking for representatives to make up a Citizens Advisory Committee on

Library Services, one from the League of Women Voters and one from the Chamber of Commerce, each listing four names.

Comment from guest Mr. Mocking - recommend thinking about Sunday opening - perhaps because of the short hours of the school librarians they might be interested in working Sunday afternoon.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Erickson.

  
Selma Petty - Secretary