

February 14, 1973

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held February 14, 1973, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

Members present: Howard V. Hummer, Diana Hunter, Richard Lindberg, John Wozniak and Rabbi Karl Weiner, Miss Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Also present: Mr. James Hammond, architect, Mr. Charles Hug, attorney, and Mrs. Harriet Wise, observer for the League of Women Voters and her husband, Dr. Wise.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and President Weiner, presided.

Minutes of the January 10, 1973 meeting were approved on motion by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Hummer and passed unanimously.

Financing of the dedication ceremony expenses was discussed and the point was made that the dedication for the original building was made a part of the Construction Fund. Attorney Hug expressed a negative opinion to this action. The following motion was made by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Mr. Hummer.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board spend or appropriate not over \$2,000 from the Construction Fund for and appropriate ceremony touching upon the completion of this elegant library.

Voting was as follows: Mr. Hummer, yes; Mrs. Hunter abstained; Mr. Lindberg, yes; Dr. Wozniak, yes; and Rabbi Weiner, yes. Motion carried.

Financial reports and bills to be paid were examined and the following motion was made by Mr. Hummer, seconded by Dr. Wozniak and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: That the financial statements for the General Operating Budget, Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings, Library Construction Fund, and the North Suburban Library System Coordinated Acquisitions Program on American Literature be accepted as submitted; and the lists of bills for the General Operating Fund in the amounts of \$22,902.29 and \$175.10; Library Construction Fund in the amount of \$9,153.85; and the North Suburban Library System CAP in the amount of \$1,954.64 be approved for payment.

Circulation Reports for the month of January, 1973 were accepted and ordered placed on file. Discussion of circulation of books followed and Mrs. Hunter recom-

mended trying to increase the bookmobile service by varying the schedule and not keeping it totally stable. Rabbi Weiner and the Board concurred. Miss Radmacher stated her willingness to rotate the schedule after there is time to alert the community.

Mrs. Hunter mentioned an article which appeared in the SUN-TIMES regarding Info-Pass. Miss Radmacher informed the Board the Skokie Public Library participates in this.

Mrs. Hunter reported at the recent System meeting the discussion was ~~mostly about current legislation.~~ One thing discussed was the cut in the Illinois Arts Council budget and Mrs. Hunter recommended this Board as a Board and as a Library write a letter to Governor Walker protesting this cut. Mrs. Hunter made the following motion which was seconded by Dr. Wozniak and, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library and Board send a letter to Governor Walker protesting proposed cuts in the Illinois Arts Council.

Mrs. Hunter said that although the System heretofore has not participated in any activity for National Library Week it plans to this year since Mrs. Adlai Stevenson is Honorary Chairman and is arranging for a trip to Springfield to see and meet the State Legislators. The System plans to charter four buses for the trip. Cost for the trip, including luncheon in the Armory in Springfield is \$15 per person. This will be on April 11 and the System asks that members put aside that day and consider this trip as part of National Library Week.

Mrs. Hunter said there is also concern on the Federal level of the severe cuts in the Federal funds. These cuts are based on the philosophy of the Federal Government that, with revenue sharing, the money should be divided locally. The System is very concerned about that and asks that letters be directed to the State Library from the local libraries protesting the cuts. Library money is being cut at all levels principally because the Library has never established a good lobby.

Mrs. Hunter said otherwise the meeting was routine and mention was made of

the citizen hearings. Miss Radmacher reported she had submitted about a dozen names to the System as possibilities of persons who are interested in our library and library service and would attend the hearings and testify.

Mrs. Hunter recommended that letters be written to Senator Percy, Senator Stevenson and Congressman Young protesting the proposed Federal cuts.

As part of the Legislative Program, Mr. McClarren, Director of the System, will set up key people who will be authorized to act for the Board in such matters by contacting the legislators immediately and thus eliminate waiting to act until it is too late. Motion by Mrs. Hunter:

Motion: That an appointment be made by the Skokie Public Library Board for one person to be empowered to act for the Board on reaction to legislation and not have to wait for a Board meeting so that letters can be sent out at the time legislation is pending.

Miss Radmacher asked Mrs. Hunter if she would consent to this appointment.

Mrs. Hunter gave her assent and Mr. Hummer seconded Mrs. Hunter's motion by requesting Diana Hunter be specifically mentioned as the person to do this. Motion passed unanimously.

Miss Radmacher distributed copies of a letter addressed to the Editors of the local newspapers explaining that lights are kept on in the new addition all night because the heating of the building is by the lighting and the intensity is determined at the outside temperature. This letter was sent in response to an inquiry from a Skokie citizen.

Miss Radmacher reported Mr. Allan Weissberg called to ask if there was going to be a plaque for the Rotary, Kiwanis and other groups that assisted in the referendum by contributing funds. Rabbi Weiner stated some recognition should be given to these groups, but the amount of assistance hardly warranted the expenditure for or placement of a plaque. He suggested having these groups come to the Library, be given a tour and served a luncheon at which time to thank them for their help. It was the consensus Rabbi Weiner and Miss Radmacher

should take care of inviting the groups.

Rabbi Weiner read a letter of thanks received from Mrs. Ethel M. Griffin in response to the Board's decision to name the new Board room the Ethel M. Griffin Conference Room. The letter is attached to these minutes.

Miss Radmacher announced letters of invitations from Rabbi Weiner have been sent to past Board members to sit on the platform during the dedication ceremonies. Mr. L. O. Green has responded with an acceptance.

Mr. Hummer, Chairman of the Dedication Committee, reported forty news releases have been sent to radio and T. V. stations all over Cook County. He mentioned the need for a public address system in the lobby on February 25 because of the overflow from the auditorium. The Board agreed. Seating in the lobby would be a problem because of the set up of the refreshment tables. Mr. Hummer is taking care of printed programs which will include the floor plan. Miss Radmacher has taken care of minor details: photographer, ushers, parking, and tours.

Mrs. Hunter reported contacting caterers for serving refreshments after the dedication ceremonies. George Jewell and the Party Makers sent written quotes. After discussion and consideration given to price, expediting the serving of the guests and type of food recommended, Mrs. Hunter made the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Hummer and, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library employ the Party Makers for serving 500 people for the reception on February 25, 1973, from 2:30 to 4:30 for the total cost of \$992.55.

Miss Radmacher was asked to inform the Party Makers of the Board's decision.

On the agenda for the dedication, the Board President will welcome the guests, the architect will turn the building over to the Library, the Rabbi will accept, Mayor Smith will extend greetings - and Mr. Hummer will introduce the main speaker, Mr. Bob Cromie.

Mr. Hammond informed the Board he had contacted Mrs. Phyllis Kind who owns one of the finest galleries of modern art in the city. She will be very

pleased to supply some of her paintings for exhibit February 25 and for a week thereafter if they are wanted. Motion by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mr. Lindberg which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: To accept the offer of Mrs. Phyllis Kind to display her art works on the date of the dedication.

Mrs. Hunter mentioned the Dali prints cannot be given to us until after April 6 because of the commercial sale of the lithographs.

Placement of the plaques was discussed. Mr. Hammond said two or three possible locations for the dedication plaque might be suggested and the members canvassed by telephone. Dr. Wozniak asked if it would be possible to call by Friday at home or work listing three or four possible places. Rabbi Weiner asked if the Board could agree that most other plaques but the dedicatory plaque for the building be placed on the wall as recommended by the architects in the new building across the hall from the Administrative offices, and the two plaques for the dedicated rooms placed in the vicinity of those two rooms.

Mr. Hummer announced he has a meeting with Mr. Rieger of the Old Orchard Bank about a donation from the bank of a work of art or money to purchase something.

Authorization was given to install canopies for the low shelving in the reference area. Dr. Wozniak made the following motion which, was seconded by Mr. Lindberg and, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: The Skokie Public Library Board approve the payment of \$1,055 to Triggs Equipment Corporation for the laminated plastic canopies for the reference department shelving.

This will be completed before the open house.

Approval was asked for additional bulletin boards. The price would be \$125 each or \$500 for four. Motion by Mr. Hummer, seconded by Dr. Wozniak which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

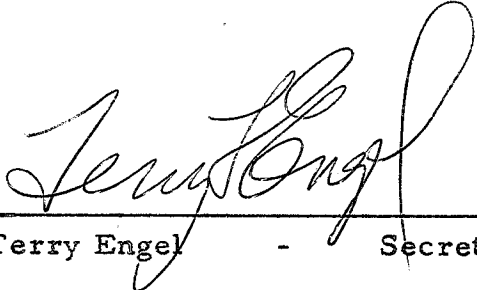
Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board approve the expenditure of \$500 for the purchase of additional bulletin boards for the Young People's and Children's Department.

Before February 25 the conference table must be finished and the stage painted.

Miss Radmacher informed the Board of the ALA Annual Conference to be held at Las Vegas June 24 - 30, 1973. AMERICAN LIBRARIES for January, 1973 carried all publicity on it. This will be photocopied and sent to each Board member.

Mr. Hummer arranged for a meeting with Rabbi Weiner and Miss Radmacher for 5:15 p.m. February 15, re dedication and open house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on motion by Mr. Lindberg seconded by Mr. Hummer.

  
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Terry Engel                      -                      Secretary