

January 26, 1977

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library, originally scheduled for January 12, 1977, but postponed to January 26, 1977, at 7:30 p. m. in the Library.

Members present: Diana Hunter, Richard Lindberg, Shirley Merritt, John Wozniak, Karl Weiner and Norma Zatz, also Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p. m. by President Weiner, with a quorum present.

The Minutes of the meeting of December 9, 1976 were approved on motion by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, Motion carried.

The following motion was made by Mrs. Zatz, seconded by Dr. Wozniak, which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the financial statements for the General Operating Fund, Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings, and Library Construction Fund be accepted and the lists of bills for the General Operating Fund in the amounts of \$28,236.31, \$195.31 and \$61.25 be approved for payment.

A drop in the sale of the Library plastic bags prompted discussion of how to stimulate sales. Mrs. Hunter suggested immediate publicity might be sent out during this bad weather pointing out the protection afforded by the plastic bags for carrying books.

• Circulation Reports were examined and ordered placed on file
Library Use Statistics were discussed and ordered placed on file.

The first birthday parties this year were recently held and Miss Radmacher reported the policy seems to work out satisfactorily.

Gift of \$5.00 from August Templin was really a gift given to Mrs. Harmening. She said she could not accept it but would turn it over to the Library for the piano fund.

Correspondence received from Estelle R. Nitti regarding library books she wants to keep included a check in the amount of \$25.00 to cover the cost. This is recognized as unorthodox.

A letter to Rabbi Weiner was received from Don Brown, Superintendent of the Skokie Park District and noted by the Board.

Regarding personnel, a letter was received from Mrs. Sophia Cedarbaum an employee, addressed to Rabbi Weiner, from San Diego where she is on leave of absence and vacationing. She expressed her opinion against some phases of the new Personnel Code, especially elimination of the grandfather's clause. It was the consensus of the Board that the Code has been established with much time and thought and in no way shall it be faulted. The origination of the Code was to be fair to all employees and this has been accomplished. No reply is necessary.

Another letter, addressed to Miss Radmacher, received from Mrs. Jane Beederman, also an employee expressed appreciation in the Board's provision of employee benefits in the new Personnel Code.

Miss Radmacher reported she contacted Mr. Matzer, Village Manager to see if he had any information on ethnic groups in the Skokie community or suggestions for identifying them. Mr. Matzer was happy about the idea and suggested contacting the Planning Department. She called Mr. Molumby and gave him a copy of guidelines for applying for a grant. He will get back next week.

In Mr. Elintrup's absence no report was given on the NSLS System meeting.

Regarding revenue sharing, several members asked to have this listed on the agenda. Mrs. Hunter mentioned reading a notice regarding libraries making application for revenue sharing funds and having received none, would be eligible for a grant, should the Bill pass. The last application made by this Library was February, 1975. The Board concurs it is important that application be made to the Village of Skokie and Niles Township. Mrs. Hunter moved that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Skokie Public Library make a request by letter to Mayor Smith and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Skokie expressing the Library's desire to share in the revenue sharing funds and request to be scheduled on the agenda when such discussion comes up. This request may be in the same form as the Library's request of February, 1975.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a letter be written to the Niles Township Sypervisors asking to share in the revenue sharing funds and pointing out other townships have been awarded a share of such funds.

Dr. Wozniak seconded the motion for adoption and, on roll call vote, the resolution passed unanimously.

Mrs. Zatz referred to the many things going on in Library legislation. ILA is sponsoring a Legislation Day in Washington, D. C. and she feels someone from the Skokie Public Library should be in attendance. Mrs. Hunter mentioned it is important to note that libraries do not have adequate input and, if the Board approved, she would be glad to attend the Legislation Day for the Skokie Public Library. Dr. Wozniak made the following motion which was seconded by Mrs. Merritt and, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: Trustee Diana Hunter be authorized to represent the Skokie Public Library at the Legislative Day in Washington, at the Library's expense.

Miss Radmacher apprised the Board that a resolution must be passed in order for the Skokie Public Library to collect funds still due on the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA). There are two requirements: (a) to send the Illinois State Library a certified copy of the resolution stating this building is complete and has complied with the LSCA; and (b) send to the Illinois State Library an audit prepared by a Certified Public Accountant. The following resolution was read:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Library Directors of the Village of Skokie, Illinois does hereby certify that to the best of its knowledge and its belief the construction of the Skokie Public Library building expansion was conducted in accordance with the Library Services and Construction Act, and all rules and regulations adopted pursuant to such Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it authorizes its secretary to so certify.

Mr. Lindberg moved to adopt the resolution, Dr. Wozniak seconded the motion, and, on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The required audit of the Library Construction Fund has been made and a copy will be sent to Springfield. The Board approved payment of the bill in the amount of \$925.00 for the audit from the Library Construction Fund.

Mrs. Hunter asked if a letter had been sent to Secretary of State Dixon. She felt a letter should go to him as soon as possible from the Library Board stating Skokie Public Library would be delighted to cooperate with him as one of the libraries within the State.

Miss Radmacher reported on her investigation of acquiring a cash register and the Library's use of it. She talked with Mr. Hibner who does not have much feeling one way or the other about it, but he will take up with the Village Purchasing Department regarding a small relatively inexpensive machine. Rabbi Weiner took a consensus of the opinion and the Board feels the Library does not need to use a cash register.

Attention was called to the Sculpture Fund. Mrs. Hunter recommended contacting the Illinois Arts Council regarding application for funds. An application from this Library should list its permanent collection, stating the Skokie Public Library is the cultural center of the Village as well as the Library.

Mrs. Hunter would like to set a meeting date for the Sculpture Committee. She asked Miss Radmacher to get in touch with the Committee to set a meeting date.

Linda Lucas, Doctoral Candidate in the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science worked on a survey in the Skokie Public Library January 5 and 6, 1977. She is writing a thesis based on six Illinois libraries: two large, two medium-size and two small libraries. A copy of this will be sent to Skokie Public Library on completion.

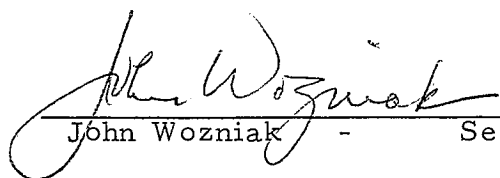
Distributed to the Board members were: "New Copyright Law Provisions Relating to Libraries Explained," from Illinois Notes, November 30 and December 20, 1976; a copy of the 1977 Foreign Film Series program to be held in this

Library; Great Books Newsletter, January, 1977; January Calendar of Events; 5 press releases; article by Zay N. Smith in Chicago Sun-Times, December 15, 1976; "Sokie's Library Answers a Need,"; Selected List of Recent Acquisitions, December, 1976; and announcement of a talk by Dr. Seymour Diamond, author of "More Than Two Aspirin," in the Skokie Public Library, February 3, 1977, at 8:00 p. m.

An article in the Evanston Review regarding a proposed Evanston Public Library activity for older people on fixed incomes, prompted Miss Radmacher to remind the Board of our Senior Citizens activities held every third Monday morning of the month where a program is furnished along with coffee, tea and rolls. Also, there have been many other programs held throughout the years, including the annual reception during Senior Citizens Month. Mrs. Hunter suggested more publicity concerning this should be attempted. Rabbi Weiner suggested a tenth anniversary party should be held to commemorate the beginning of that program. Al Bernstein and reporters should be invited, hopefully, pictures will be taken to publicize it.

Announcement was made of ALA Conference to be held June 17 - 23, 1977, in Cobo Hall, Detroit, Michigan. Members will advise Miss Radmacher if they will attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p. m. on motion by Dr. Wozniak.


John Wozniak - Secretary