

November 16, 1966

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held November 16, 1966.

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

Rabbi Weiner, Chairman Pro Tempore, presided and explained the special meeting was held for discussion of the release to the Press of the report submitted by the President's Citizens Advisory Committee on Library Expansion and the recommendations contained in the report. He also commented on the splendid cooperation received from the Village Board.

Recommendations by the Program and Services Sub-Committee were discussed and resolved as follows: (1) Adult film series - such a program was featured last year and will be planned for the future; (2) Record listening facilities - there is no room at the present time to accommodate this service; (3) Sunday hours - the cost of this service is prohibitive; (4) A book drop - this will be investigated again; (5) Greater use of the library as a cultural center - the Library Board is fully in accord with this; (6) A formal relationship between the schools and the library should be instituted to help alleviate some of the problems caused by student use of the library - a fine relationship has existed between the schools and the public library but this, too, should be accentuated; (7) Develop a program for Senior Citizens - the Park District has sponsored many such programs but this is something to plan for in the future. (Procedures for better public relations)

(1) Annual report to taxpayers - while an annual financial report is posted in the Village Hall a report from the Library can be considered for the future; (2) Description of services of the library to the public - (3) Contact newcomers to the community and introduce library services to them - (4) Announcements of special services that the library offers the community from time to time - these last three recommendations could be handled by more newspaper publicity and

having the Welcome Wagon's assistance in this capacity; (6) Involve the community in the expansion and improvements of the library such as: endowments, gifts, scholarships, develop a Friends of the Library group - pros and cons of this were mentioned and further discussion postponed to a later date; and (6) Print statement of the Book Selection Policy. Have all library policies and reports available to the public at the library - the Library Board will continue to leave the Book Selection to the judgment of the Librarian but will write a policy for the Library.

Recommendations of the Land and Buildings Sub-Committee: (I) Alleviate congestion of single lane traffic on east side of library - this is somewhat solved by the additional parking lot to the east and will be eliminated when the expansion is completed; (II) Expand to west - from a standpoint of cost this would appear prohibitive but further discussion postponed to a future date; (III) If branches are proposed, consider existing park sites because of (1) lack of suitable vacant sites and exorbitant cost of sites that are available or could be condemned (2) availability of parking space not available at the "store front" type branch - discussion postponed to a later date.

Recommendations of the Finance Committee - there was evidence of committees working independently which produced some overlapping minor conflicting recommendations regarding branch sites. Tax rate increases will be discussed with Citizens Committee.

Recommendations of Other Libraries and Facilities Sub-Committee - suggestions for use of existing facilities. This will be discussed at a future date.

Motion by Mr. Kraft, seconded by Mrs. Petty.

Motion: That it be recorded in the minutes that the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library is in favor of expanding the present Library to the east.

All ayes.

Meeting adjourned.