

August 14, 1963

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Skokie Public Library was held August 14, 1963, at 7:30 p. m. in the Conference Room of the Skokie Public Library.

Present: Conroy V. Erickson, L. O. Green, Mrs. W. C. Griffin, Rabbi Karl Weiner, and Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian. Also present: Mrs. M. Sarver, for recording of the minutes.

The president, L. O. Green, presided.

A correction in the minutes of the previous meeting was requested by the president. Correction: substitution of "a" for "the" before the word syndicate in the third paragraph, second line, on page three. Otherwise, the minutes of the meeting held July 10, 1963, were approved as read.

Financial reports for the General Fund, Construction Fund, and Reserve Building Fund were submitted to the members of the Board. Motion by Mr. Conroy V. Erickson and seconded by Mrs. W. C. Griffin.

Motion: That the financial reports for the General Fund, Construction Fund, and Reserve Building Fund, showing balances at July 31, 1963, be accepted.

On roll call motion was carried unanimously.

Motion for the payment of bills in the amount of \$6,254.01 was made by Mrs. Griffin and seconded by Rabbi Karl Weiner.

Motion: That the list of bills, dated August 14, 1963, in the amount of \$6,254.01, be passed for payment.

On roll call motion was carried unanimously.

The circulation report for the month of July, 1963, was approved and ordered to be filed.

Miss Radmacher reported on the following:

A talk Mr. Louis Weingart had with Mr. Harvey Schwartz, of the Home Owners Association, at which time Mr. Schwartz stated that their Association would do everything possible to forestall erection of any high-rise apartments in this area;

Appointment of Mrs. Jessie Rutherford, in the Circulation Department, who will work full time, at a salary of \$3,120 annually;

That the Apex Motor Fuel Oil Company had submitted a bid of .0859 to supply their No. 5 Fuel Oil for the year 1963-1964, which the Village of Skokie has accepted;

That Northern Illinois Gas Company had contacted the Library concerning use of their commodity for heating. When the Library was built a permit was not obtainable, but, since permits are available, conversion to gas should be considered in the near future;

The Skokie Public Library was host to two groups of visitors on the library tour sponsored by the ALA Conference. There were eighty people in the first group and sixty in the second.

Motion by Rabbi Weiner and seconded by Mr. Erickson.

Motion: That the bid from the Apex Motor Fuel Oil Company, of .0859 for No. 5 Fuel Oil be accepted.

On roll call motion was carried unanimously.

The president made a report to the Board of a meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Borcia, owners of the property immediately east of the Library. At present they do not wish to sell, but, when they are in the market, the Library will be given first refusal. They appeared to have a preference for receiving partial payment rather than full payment at that time.

The Village Board appears to hold to the opinion that it would be better to erect an additional building in this location rather than a branch

elsewhere in Skokie.

The president also reported the outcome of a meeting with Mayor Proessel of Lincolnwood at which time Mr. Green told the Mayor that the Skokie Public Library was considering eliminating free non-resident student library cards, but, before anything definite was decided, the Board wanted to offer Lincolnwood an opportunity to consider entering into contractual service. Mayor Proessel expressed his unwillingness to tax people of his community who do not use the Skokie Public Library and lack of concern as to whether or not students were charged for library cards.

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

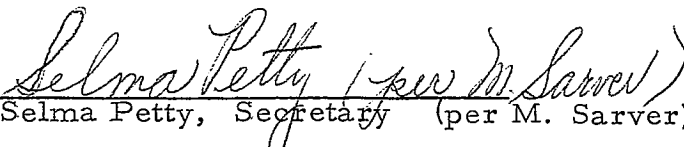
Motion: To discontinue all free non-resident cards as of September 1, 1963, and, as of that date, charge ten dollars (\$10.00) fee for any non-resident card, student or adult, which will be a "family card."

On roll call the motion was carried unanimously. Clarification was made that owners of businesses in Skokie would be considered residents.

A short discussion of exchange of cards between Morton Grove and Niles ensued, and the probability of "courtesy" cards being used whereby the Morton Grove Library would purchase a non-resident card and such card could be used by any resident of the town.

The president instructed the librarian to continue the same procedure that had been successfully employed during the previous school year of having an employee stationed at the door, during the busiest hours, to check the books taken from the Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p. m.


Selma Petty, Secretary (per M. Sarver)