

March 24, 1976

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held March 24, 1976, at 4:00 p. m.

Members present: Walter Flintrup, Diana Hunter, Shirley Merritt, and John Wozniak, Miss Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Vice President Diana Hunter called the meeting to order at 4:20 p. m.

Minutes of the meeting held February 11, 1976 were approved and accepted on motion by Mr. Flintrup, seconded by Dr. Wozniak. Motion carried.

The following motion was made by Dr. Wozniak, seconded by Mr. Flintrup 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 list of bills for the General Operating Fund in the amount of \$32,382.01 and the Library Construction Fund in the amount of \$23,819.32 be approved for payment.

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

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library Board approve payment of Hammond Beeby and Associates' invoice No. 772-A, dated March 10, 1976 in the amount of \$12,206.66.

Circulation Report and Statistics on Reciprocal Borrowing for the month of February, 1976 were accepted and ordered placed on file.

Mr. Flintrup reported the System has requested Chicago Public Library to furnish statistics on RBP and informed them if the request is disregarded the System will cancel RBP with them.

The Board was informed of personnel appointments and resignations.

A letter of commendation for service given to the Village Nursing Home in Skokie by the Library staff was read.

The Library has received a gift of the film "The Remembering Eye" from the Niles Township Office. This film will be available for loan.

The report on Library Use Statistics was distributed.

Mr. Flintrup reported on the North Suburban Library System Board meeting. A long range plan for 1977-81 was presented. He thinks Skokie Public Library Board should respond with its reaction to this plan no later than May so that the System, in turn, could hold future meetings for discussion of responses. The members of this Board were requested to examine the plan for later discussion.

The recommendation was made for a change in the NSLS by-laws to allow the election to be held in June versus May.

Announcement of the Library Legislative Days in Springfield, May 24 and 25, 1976 and Washington, D. C. April 5 and 6, 1976 was made and Board members wishing to attend were asked to notify Miss Radmacher.

Dr. Wozniak reported on attending the meeting in Lincolnwood on the library situation. Mr. Berzok, Mr. Schmidt and other Lincolnwood people were present along with a System representative. Many possibilities were explored. Dr. Wozniak was firm in stating the cost to Lincolnwood would be \$5.00 per capita if Skokie Public Library were to be involved. Options were left open in every direction but Lincolnwood seemed opposed to paying the \$65,000. Dr. Wozniak made it clear that in no way could he speak for the whole Board, but in no way would Skokie start negotiations until Lincolnwood was serious about financing the proposition. He suggested it would be healthy and worthwhile to have Lincolnwood people meet with the Skokie Public Library Board. The question was asked if Lincolnwood understood that the people who sat on the Illinois Library Advisory Committee are the ones who suggested earnest money from Lincolnwood would make a grant from the State more palatable. Dr. Wozniak said that a big point was made of Lincolnwood sending a delegate to Springfield to find out why the initial project was turned down. Dr. Wozniak feels the chances of the Village of Lincolnwood underwriting any part of this project are slim because they say there is not enough in the budget. He recommended this Board should meet with Lincolnwood and Mrs. Hunter voiced her approval of such a meeting. Cooperation should be displayed and if the situation is not resolved this Board will be

satisfied it did everything it could to make an amicable situation. The Board agreed.

The next Board meeting is March 31 to discuss the personnel code and Mr. Flintrup asked for a dinner meeting to "meet and eat." Suggestion was to have the Lincolnwood representatives attend that meeting at 8:00 or 8:30. If this cannot be arranged, have them attend the April meeting. Have a dinner meeting both nights.

Miss Radmacher stated when the System prepared the Project Plus proposal for Lincolnwood the proposal provided for only one person in attendance at all times. She objects to this and thinks there must be a second person. It would be too dangerous otherwise.

The Board members were asked to take the budget recommendations for 1977-78 fiscal year with them to study later.

Mr. Brady, Assistant Manager of the Village of Skokie, has informed Miss Radmacher the Village will notify the Library when the budget hearing will be held.

Lyon and Healy's estimate to repair the piano is \$2,685.00 or 2-1/2 times the estimated amount. Motion by Mr. Flintrup, seconded by Mrs. Merritt which, on roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library sell the piano purchased from the Nudelmans to Dr. Joseph Beaver.

In the discussion that followed, Mrs. Hunter said she feels the acquisition of a piano should be a new instrument donated philanthropically from a person or acquired through a grant. Dr. Beaver in good faith made his estimate and the Library should sell the piano to him for exactly what it paid. The delivery charges should not be charged to him. The Board concurred.

Miss Radmacher reported to the Board that Mr. Steve Osowiec of Lyon and Healy had offered to buy the piano for more than \$900 in its present condition.

The \$900 must be returned to the Village stating this is being done because of concern for the taxpayers. Explanation should be made that the estimates came in much higher than anticipated. The Village should be informed this request keeps coming from their Fine Arts Commission and the Library has made the effort but from now on, Mr. Einstein should get the piano and bring it to the Library. The

Skokie Public Library is fully aware of its cultural obligation to the community and has made every effort to fulfill the desire of the Fine Arts Commission and the community. The Library has its own priorities and cannot afford \$8,000 for a new piano. The letter should state the original estimates which were submitted in good faith were not figured by Lyon and Healy and the money we now know it would require to put the instrument in good condition is not merited. The check is being returned with appreciation for their willingness to be cooperative. The letter should be addressed to Mayor Smith and the Board of Trustees with a carbon copy to the Fine Arts Commission.

Washing and relamping of certain areas, especially over the stairwells, has become necessary and scaffolding will be needed to do the work. Mr. Schiewe supplied the names of firms that do this work. The recommendation is to wash and relamp at the same time. Labor and materials are separate items. This should be done annually but has not been done in this building. Discussion followed. Portable stairways that clamp into place with the top step completely enclosed or a ladder with an enclosed area on top where you can reach two ways might be available, possibly for rent, from an industrial supply house. Miss Radmacher will look into rental of such equipment.

Mrs. Hunter suggested putting off the meeting on the Mooney's sculpture until the personnel code is finished and the Lincolnwood situation has been pursued as far as possible. Set aside a meeting just for this.

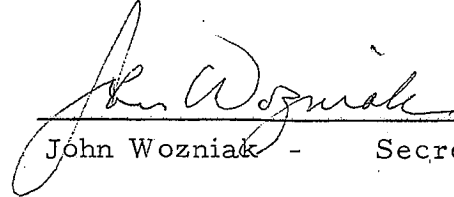
Regarding the application for the Illinois Arts Council Permanent Collection Purchase Program, it appears we are not eligible at this time.

National Library Week will be April 4 - 10 and Miss Radmacher said the Library will do something for the fourth graders.

ALA Conference will be held in Chicago and reservation should be made for a hospitality room for the Board members when staying for an entire day. Mrs. Hunter suggested the Board start thinking about this and where to make this reservation.

Miss Radmacher will call ALA and find out where the meetings will be held.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p. m.



John Wozniak - Secretary