

September 9, 1964

The regular meeting of the Skokie Public Library Board of Directors was held September 9, 1964 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Library.

Members present: Conroy V. Erickson, Mrs. W. C. Griffin, L. O. Green, Mrs. Daniel Petty, Louis Weingart and Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian.

Also present: James W. Hammond, architect, Mrs. Florence Eick, and Mrs. Sarasin, observers from the League of Women Voters, and Mrs. M. Sarver, secretary.

The President, L. O. Green, presided.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Louis Weingart and seconded by Mrs. W. C. Griffin.

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held August 12, 1964 be approved as mailed.

All members voted affirmatively.

Motion by Mrs. Griffin seconded by Mrs. Daniel Petty.

Motion: That the financial reports for the Operating Budget, Reserve for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings and the Library Construction Fund, as submitted, be approved.

All members voted affirmatively.

Motion by Mrs. Petty seconded by Mr. Weingart.

Motion: That the list of bills in the amount of four thousand two hundred thirty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$4,236.50) be approved for payment.

All members voted affirmatively.

The Circulation Report for the month of August was accepted by the Board and the President ordered that it be placed on file.

A gift to the Library from the Art Guild of a water color was displayed and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that it should hang in the Lecture Room. Recommendation was made by Mr. Weingart that a letter be sent to the Art Guild notifying them that the Board is honored to accept the water color. "September Sun" by Valfred Thelin.

In compliance with the prior action of the Board that insurance specifications to cover the Library needs be written so all local agents and others who wish to bid could, the President referred to the Librarian for information she had gathered. Mr. Richard Kaegi, Assistant Village Manager, was recommended to Miss Radmacher by Mr. Bernard Marsh as capable of outlining the requirements and specifications. He was contacted by her and has promised to advise the Library of his suggestions within a week. The Board expressed the desire to have all insurance men in the community given the opportunity to quote on the policy and insofar as possible award the business to a local man unless the price is prohibitive.

On motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Weingart, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, it appears that metal library shelves may have been purchased by the State of Illinois and by Illinois political subdivisions and public agencies, directly or indirectly from manufacturers, at fixed and excessive prices resulting from an illegal conspiracy in restraint of interstate commerce or otherwise in violation of federal antitrust laws; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the State of Illinois, acting in his official capacity to protect and further the interests of the State, its political subdivisions and public agencies, has agreed to institute appropriate legal proceedings and to otherwise act as the legal representative of such political subdivisions and public agencies in connection with the recovery of damages which may have resulted from such illegal antitrust conspiracy, entirely without cost or expense to the undersigned public agency, such costs, expenses and fees to be provided from appropriations to the Attorney General's office or from recoveries secured or settlements made in said legal proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That William G. Clark, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, is hereby authorized to take any and all legal actions, institute such legal proceedings and effect such settlements thereof as he may deem appropriate to recover for the undersigned public agency such damages as may have been incurred in purchases of metal library shelves, the cost of which was affected by violations of the federal antitrust laws.

All members present voted affirmatively.

Copies of two booklists and the list of recent acquisitions for August were given to each Board member.

The President requested that a resolution be passed on and adopted giving authority to the President, Secretary or Librarian to open the safety deposit box.

Favorable comments received about the record collection and the excellence of the choice of recordings were reported by members of the Board.

Announcement was made of the Illinois Library Association annual meeting October 22 - 24, 1964 in the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, and Board members were urged to attend.

The President informed the Board he had discussed with Mr. W. Scott McDowell the building program plans and the resolution to be presented to the Village Trustees at the special board meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 14.

Architect James W. Hammond was asked to present his cost estimate figures. The cost figures based on the preliminary plans, as submitted, are: For expansion of central library \$917,000 and for the North Branch \$680,100, or a total of \$1,597,100. The Bond Issue figure, including property for the North Branch and \$34,100 for estimated costs of election would be \$1,775,000.

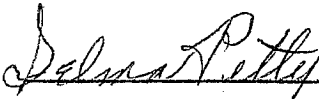
The bond issue referendum was discussed and the advisability of including the request for increase of the tax levy for operation expenses. It was the decision of the Board that it should all be packaged together.

The President announced no official action about passing a resolution for a bond issue referendum will be taken until after the meeting with the Board of Trustees of the Village Monday evening, September 14.

The President requested the Secretary to send a letter of congratulations to Rabbi Weiner for having been awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity by Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati.

The Board concurred on Mr. Weingart's suggestion that action on the proposal from IBM be postponed until the plans for the expansion and the new branch are concluded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Weingart and seconded by Mr. Erickson.

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Selma Petty / Secretary