

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Decatur, Illinois  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
April 26, 1963

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Decatur Public Library was held in the Boyd' Room of the Main Library, 457 North Main Street, Decatur, Illinois, April 26, 1963.

Members Present:

Mr. Jack Burnett, President  
Mr. Francis Hart, Vice President  
Mrs. Erich Stern  
Mr. John Cheeks  
Mrs. Dwight Nelson  
Mr. Harold Koslofski  
Mrs. Roger Pogue  
Mr. David Pilcher

Members Absent:

Mr. Walter A. Sappington

Others Present

Mrs. Mary T. Howe, Librarian - Secretary  
Mr. John Sweetnam, Architect  
Mr. Ralph Sanders, Reporter

Mr. Jack Burnett called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. A film slide lecture "Young Feet on the Road," by Frances Clarke Sayers was presented.

Mrs. Howe read the Minutes of the March 29, 1963 meeting. They were approved as read.

Mr. Koslofski, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported on the meeting held April 25, 1963 to check the bills for April. He moved the bills be paid. Mr. Pilcher seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Mr. Burnett, Mr. Hart, Mrs. Stern, Mr. Cheeks, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Koslofski, Mrs. Pogue and Mr. Pilcher voted aye. No abstentions or noes were recorded. Motion carried.

Bills for March, 1963:

Staff Salaries	\$ 14,601.91
Operating Expenses	<u>3,835.21</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 18,437.12

Mr. Koslofski asked for a motion to allow the Finance Committee to meet at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, 1963 and approve the remainder of the bills for the fiscal year 1962/63 in order to clear the appropriations and expenditures. Mrs. Pogue moved to allow the Finance Committee the authority to approve the final bills for April, 1963. Mr. Koslofski seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Mr. Burnett, Mr. Hart, Mrs. Stern, Mr. Cheeks, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Koslofski, Mrs. Pogue and Mr. Pilcher voted aye. No abstentions were recorded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Howe reported about \$900 left in the appropriation. A rush order for children's books was placed last Friday and the bill and books will be picked up Monday from New Method in Jacksonville.

A small tax settlement is due from Mr. Griffin and we will collect about \$250 in fines and fees during next week. This will mean we will be under the appropriation. We do not have enough cash to spend the whole appropriation. There will be a tax settlement in May to cover May bills.



The Properties Committee report was made by Mr. Hart, Chairman. An Oasis water cooler for Evans Branch has been ordered. Three bids were secured by Mrs. Howe. Approval was given to purchase the lowest priced one.

Mr. Hart proposed the Board pass a resolution to accept gifts for the new Main Library building. "BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS: The Board of Directors of the Decatur Public Library having approved a resolution to begin all necessary action to procure a new Main Library building and facilities on March 29, 1963, do now HEREBY RESOLVE to accept gifts to be placed in the building fund for the new Main Library." Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. After some discussion all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Burnett explained he has not made contact with Mr. Eakin about the South Shores Branch. Dr. Goldhor's report was held until the new Council had time to get organized. He asked how many members received letters from Mayor Grohne and plan to be present Monday night for letters of commendation and thanks for their work.

Mr. Pilcher requested all mail be sent to his office.

Mr. Sweetnam, Architect, reported on the repairs to the first floor. The sub-floor needs repairing. He was asked to investigate after May 1st and then proceed with the work. The scaglio columns should be patched and nothing more done in light of the program ahead of us. Mr. Pilcher moved the approval of these suggestions. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nelson reported the League of Women Voters did not approve study of the library problem for next year's program. It was suggested the library might present a program at an informal meeting.

Directors of Friends Creek Township Library wish to meet with the library directors and librarian about possible service to them. Mr. Sappington will attend.

The service clubs will be approached for an opportunity to present the library's plans for a Main Library building.

Mr. Burnett read a letter from John W. Gaddis who suggested building the new Main Library on the Urban Renewal property.

Mr. Cheeks referred the report of Personnel Committee to Mrs. Howe. She said one staff member will take maternity leave in three weeks. Miss Seitz resigned and took a job with Illinois Public Aid. Sally Stuke is being used to cover hospital and home service. Mr. David is returning to school in September.

Approval was given to hold the Annual Meeting May 10th at noon in the Decatur Club. The staff will make their reports at that time. The Directors will elect a new president and vice president.

Mr. Burnett will attend the Association of Commerce meeting on Progress in Decatur, May 9, 1963 in the Masonic Temple.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Howe, Secretary