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SPECIAL MEETING OF LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA

April 26, 1971

I. OLD BUSINESS

Properties and Finance Committee

- A. Report re tabled motion regarding establishment of reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person vandalizing library property.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of memorandum from various library board presidents with reference to pending legislation in the State Assembly

MEMBERS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT:

Mrs. Brandt  
Mr. Butler  
Mr. Dick  
Mr. Farrell  
Mr. Miller  
Mr. Olsen  
Mr. Whitacre

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A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Decatur Public Library was held April 26, 1971 in the Board Room of the main library.

Members Present:

Mrs. Brandt  
Mr. Butler  
Mr. Farrell  
Mr. Miller  
Mr. Olsen  
Mr. Whitacre

Members Absent:

Mr. Dick  
Mrs. Hedrick  
Mr. Schuerman

Others Present:

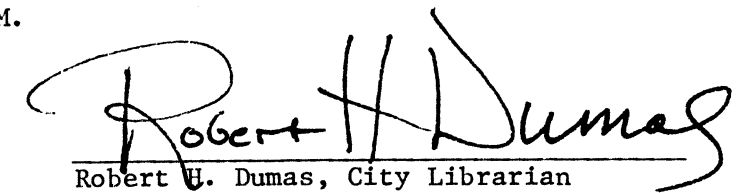
Dawn Ricchio  
(Herald & Review)  
Mr. Dumas  
Miss Schwegman

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 P.M. by Mr. Miller, Vice President.

Mr. Miller asked for a report from the Properties and Finance Committee. Mr. Butler reported that he had contacted Attorney Ed Booth and was advised that the library could offer a reward of money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person vandalizing library property. Mr. Butler read a resolution to this effect and moved that the resolution be approved. Mr. Olsen seconded the motion and it was approved. A signed copy of this resolution becomes a part of these minutes.

The meeting was then opened to discussion by Mr. Miller of a memorandum received from various library board presidents with reference to pending legislation in the State Assembly, namely, House Bills 1178, 1179, 1180, 1181 and 1182. Mr. Whitacre stated that he had contacted Mr. Trezza, Director of the Illinois State Library, who informed him that the State Library does not interfere with local library matters covered by the bills such as selection of books and setting of non-resident fees. Mr. Trezza seemed to feel that the bills represented a fight between system member libraries and non-system member libraries and recommended that the Decatur Board not vote to support the bills. Mr. Dumas stated that he had had no interference from the State Librarian, but would hate to think we might have trouble in the future, and that perhaps the bills were preventative legislation. Mr. Farrell stated that he saw nothing in the bills to become alarmed about, and that he thought no action necessary. Therefore, due to lack of a motion, no action was taken concerning the memorandum.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

  
Robert H. Dumas, City Librarian

For Secretary of the Board