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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AGENDA

JUNE 16, 1972

- I. CALL TO ORDER
ALBERT L. MILLER, PRESIDENT
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - A. REGULAR AND ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MAY 19, 1972
- III. STATISTICAL REPORT
- IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:
 - A. PROPERTIES AND FINANCE
 - B. POLICIES, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL
 - C. NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY BUILDING
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. APPOINTMENT OF ROLLING PRAIRIE REPRESENTATIVE
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

MEMBERS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT:

- MRS. BRANDT
- MR. BRECHNITZ
- MR. BUTLER
- MR. DICK
- MR. FARRELL
- MRS. HEDRICK
- MR. MILLER
- MR. SCHUERMAN
- MR. WHITACRE

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY
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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - JUNE, 1972

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Decatur Public Library was held June 16, 1972 in the board room of the main library.

Members Present:

Mrs. Brandt
Mr. Brechnitz
Mr. Butler
Mr. Farrell
Mrs. Hedrick
Mr. Miller
Mr. Schuerman
Mr. Whitacre

Members Absent:

Mr. Dick

Others Present:

Mr. Dumas
Miss Schwegman

Preceding the meeting, apple pizza and coffee were served to the board by Mrs. Brandt as her tribute to the two members leaving the board, Mr. Schuerman and Mr. Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 P.M. by Mr. Miller.

The minutes of the regular and annual board meeting of May 19, 1972 were approved.

It was reported by Mr. Dumas that circulation showed a small increase over the previous year, but that May is the slowest month of the year except December. Mr. Dumas stated that Remington Rand has now completed the work that remained to be done on the shelving. However, considerable trouble is being experienced with the compact shelving in the storage area in the basement which was installed by the Estey Company. Mr. Dumas reported that he has been in touch with the Estey people in Red Bank, New Jersey, about the matter, and they have assured him they would continue working on the problem until the system is satisfactory. They have stated that a man would be coming out to work on the shelving, but so far he has not arrived. Mr. Dumas stated that we have now completed plans and materials for the summer reading program for children. In addition, the first story hour is scheduled for the 21st of this month. Mr. Dumas further reported that preparations are now being made for the refileing of the public catalog, to be accomplished in the fall during the holidays. It was announced by Mr. Dumas that the production of work by the EEA people for the short time they have been in the library is indeed heartening. Backlogs are diminishing and production figures are up. Mr. Dumas termed the program, so far, a rousing success.

Chairman of the Properties and Finance Committee, Mr. Farrell, gave an informational report on the summary of income and expenditures through May 31, 1972 and bills approved through May 31, 1972. The motion for approval of the report by Mr. Farrell was seconded by Mr. Whitacre and was unanimously approved by a roll-call vote.

Mr. Farrell stated that his committee had a meeting regarding the need for a new compressor on the air conditioning unit of the Evans Branch Library. The committee decided to proceed with the purchase of the compressor from the low bidder, Evans Refrigeration, for \$750. Mr. Farrell reported that his committee had quite a discussion regarding the branch services of the library and as to whether the Evans Branch should be closed. It was decided that too much money should not be spent there until some final decisions are made.

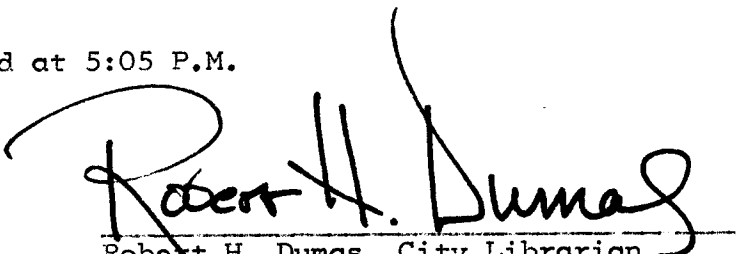
It was announced by Mr. Butler that he will continue to serve as the board's representative to the Rolling Prairie Library System as he has some unresolved projects on which he would like to follow through.

The disposition of the wall-hung water fountain in the old library building was discussed. It was felt that the new library building is not designed to accommodate the fountain and that perhaps it could be given to a local historical society or the County Museum. Mr. Whitacre requested that Mr. Dumas get an estimate as to the cost involved in moving the fountain.

Mr. Schuerman presented a gift of a Japanese General's war helmet to the library as a parting memento. Mr. Schuerman stated that he leaves the board after six years service with mixed feelings. It has been a wonderful experience, he stated, and I have enjoyed it. Mr. Miller, who has also served six years on the board, stated that we can leave this board with a real feeling of accomplishment from the old to the new building, and that in addition there is some icing on the cake with the purchase of two new bookmobile units. Mr. Miller urged that the long-range planning committee become more active and perhaps look into the branch situation since certain commitments were made to the north area residents at the time the Dill Branch was closed.

Mrs. Hedrick voiced the appreciation of the board to Mr. Schuerman and Mr. Miller for their fine work and outstanding accomplishments of the past six years.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.


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For Secretary of the Board