

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY  
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - JULY 12, 1968

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY WAS HELD ON JULY 12, 1968 IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE MAIN LIBRARY.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MRS. BRALLEY  
MR. BUTLER  
MR. DICK  
MR. FREYFOGLE  
MR. MILLER  
MR. OLSEN  
MRS. RUSSELL  
MR. SAPPINGTON

MEMBERS ABSENT:

MR. SCHUERMAN

OTHERS PRESENT:

GARY BLACKBURN  
(DECATUR HERALD)  
MR. DUMAS  
MISS SCHWEGMAN

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:35 P.M. BY MR. OLSEN.

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 14, 1968 WERE APPROVED.

MR. DUMAS REPORTED A SLIGHT GAIN IN CIRCULATION FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS - ABOUT 3,000. IT SEEMS TO BE PRETTY WELL SETTLED THAT THE BIG DROP HAS BEEN CUR-TAILED.

MR. DUMAS STATED THAT THE STAFF IS PREPARING A BOOK LIST AT THE PRESENT TIME THAT WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE NEXT MEETING ON "NAMING THE BABY" WITH A LIST OF BOOKS TO ACQUAINT PARENTS WITH HOW THEY SHOULD BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN.

IT WAS ALSO REPORTED BY MR. DUMAS THAT THE STAFF HAS BEEN BUSY TACKLING THE CROWDED STORAGE SITUATION IN THE BASEMENT, CANCELLING A NUMBER OF SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL AND EDUCATIONAL JOURNALS, DISPOSING OF THESE TITLES AND GIVING SOME AWAY.

MR. DUMAS STATED THAT THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HELD A BOARD MEETING ON THE 19TH OF JUNE WHERE THEY DECIDED DEFINITELY TO INCORPORATE IN ORDER TO GIVE LEGAL CONTINUITY TO THE ORGANIZATION AND ALSO THEY FELT THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF RECEIVING GIFTS THAT PEOPLE OF DECATUR MIGHT WANT TO GIVE TO THE FRIENDS.

AS TO THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN KANSAS CITY, MR. DUMAS STATED THAT AS A WHOLE THE MEETINGS WERE ABOUT AS BAD AS ANY HE HAS ATTENDED IN THE LAST 4 OR 5 YEARS DUE TO A LACK OF PREPARATION IN A NUMBER OF KEY MEETINGS. MR. DUMAS MET MR. HARRY SCHMELZER OF IP&DS AND IT GAVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DETAILED TOUR OF THE EXHIBITS. THEY ALSO MANAGED TO VISIT SEVERAL LIBRARIES IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA AND IT WAS VALUABLE MAINLY BECAUSE YOU CAN SEE WHAT IS BAD SO THAT YOU ARE NOT LIKELY TO MAKE A SIMILAR GROSS ERROR IN PLANNING. THE TRAFFIC FLOW SITUATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. IN THE KANSAS CITY, KANSAS LIBRARY THEY HAVE ADAPTED ADDRESSOGRAPH MACHINES FOR