

Minutes

Personnel and Public Relations Committee

Thursday, October 7, 1982

The meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. in the office of the City Librarian. Present were Mrs. Jackson, Chairman, Mr. Susler, Mrs. Moore, ex officio, and Mr. Dumas. Absent were Mr. Mueller and Mr. Seidman.

The first item of business was the question of courtesy registration of Decatur Public Library patrons of Rolling Prairies Library employees who were non-resident in the City and who did not qualify for reciprocal borrowing privileges. The questions raised related to considerations of extending free service to another group after courtesy cards to school aged non-residents were discontinued, the importance of political considerations in the Library's relationship with RPL, and the desirability of the Library rather than RPL funding what amounted to a fringe benefit for RPL staff.

It was decided that the Committee would recommend that no courtesy cards be issued to non-resident RPL staff.

The second item of business related to the approval of language to be submitted to the Board to grant non-resident employees courtesy cards. The Committee approved a revision in the Code to read "Other requirements to the contrary notwithstanding, employees of the Decatur Public Library shall be eligible for registration as patrons regardless of place of residence."

Robert Dumas