

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Decatur, Illinois

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING, MARCH 27, 1964

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Decatur Public Library was held in the Board Room of the Main Library, 457 North Main Street, Decatur, Illinois, March 27, 1964.

Members Present:

Mr. Hart            Mr. Burnett  
Mrs. Stern        Mr. Koslofski  
Mrs. Russell     Mr. Sappington  
Mrs. Nelson      Mr. Pilcher (late)

Members Absent:

Mrs. Pogue

Others Present:

Mrs. Mary T. Howe  
Rex Spires

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 P.M. by Mr. Francis Hart, president.

The minutes of the February 28, 1964 meeting were considered. Mr. Burnett moved the minutes be approved as they were presented. Mr. Sappington seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The librarian gave the report for March. She noted our circulation keeps going up. National Library Week is coming up April 12 through April 18 and is receiving a good deal of publicity from radio, TV, newspapers, etc. Mrs. Howe mentioned some excellent articles written about libraries and recommended one particularly for us written by Oscar Handlin, which appears in the April, 1964 issue of ATLANTIC.

The auditor will be in April 15 or 16, as soon as their tax work is over. Mrs. Howe indicated that \$307.00 was deducted from the total balance in allocation to spend as we did not collect all of our tax money. Although we have \$21,573.72 in our appropriation we won't be able to spend it all unless we take in some money, and it is unlikely we will take in any more than \$900 in fines. We have \$21,266.00 to spend in the month of April. This will meet the payroll and most of the major bills. Almost all of the book bills are in now. We have heard it might be June before we will receive any tax money and we assume we will have the privilege of borrowing from the Water Department as all the other city agencies will.

Mrs. Howe thanked Rex Spires who will cover sports for the newspaper from now on and mentioned Mike Waller will be with us in the future.

During National Library Week we will have three big programs. On Tuesday, April 14, there will be a Friends of the Library Meeting and Mr. Sappington has agreed to re-present the budget slide talk which he gave at the City Council meeting. Miss Yamamoto will give a demonstration of the children's story hour and the Senior Great Books group will demonstrate their discussions. There will be a tour of the library and building followed by coffee served by the Friends. Mr. Engdale, president of the Friends of the Library, is publishing a quarterly bulletin for the Friends (at no expense to the library). There is a "How to Use the Library" Seminar coming up April 20 through the 23rd, and there will be half-hour telecasts on April 5 and April 12 in conjunction with the Seminar.

Mr. Burnett reported the Finance Committee met on March 25, 1964 and examined the bills presented for payment. He moved the bills for March be approved for payment. Mr. Sappington seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Hart, Mr. Pilcher, Mrs. Stern, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Koslofski and Mr. Sappington voted aye. Motion carried.

March bills presented for payment:

Salaries:	\$ 16,157.07
Operating Expense:	3,099.07
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Total Expenditures:	\$ 19,256.14

Mrs. Nelson reported the Policy Committee met on March 19, 1964 and suggested the building and trades assembly combine their tour of the library with the Friends of the Library meeting to be held on April 14th. Mr. Sappington agreed to give the budget slide talk.

The librarian reported on the Regional Library System 17. A meeting was held March 24th with Mr. Miller Board of State Library. She stated there were 20 returns out of the 30 questionnaires sent out. A run down of non-resident Y and Adult cards was made and there are 1200 or 1300 cards from 58 towns. This does not include children's cards. The town with the most cards was Macon and Blue Mound was second. There will be an area meeting in April with all the libraries so that they can discuss this project with their trustees. Details should be ironed out by July 1st.

Mrs. Howe also reported the International Fair will be at the Armory this year. All exhibits will be up at 1 P.M. on April 16 and there will be over 25 foreign exhibits. The Rotary Club invited Mrs. Howe and Mr. Kirchgraber to be their guests at the dinner at St. Patrick's that evening. The Board was cordially invited-- tickets \$3.00 per person.

Mrs. Howe distributed copies of Dr. McKay's talk at the Staff Institute last October.

Mr. Burnett moved the meeting be adjourned at 4:55 P.M. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Howe  
Secretary