

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY
Decatur, Illinois

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING - APRIL 30, 1965

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Decatur Public Library was held on April 30, 1965 in the Board Room of the Main Library, 457 North Main Street, Decatur, Illinois

Members Present:

Mr. Hart Mrs. Nelson
Mr. Sappington Mrs. Stern
Mr. Pilcher

Members Absent:

Mrs. Pogue
Mrs. Russell
Mr. Koslofski
Mr. West

Others Present:

Mrs. Mary T. Howe
Mr. Wyre
Mr. Dan Hines (H & R)
Mrs. E. McNabb
Mrs. A. Komorech

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. by Mr. Francis Hart, president.

The minutes of the March 31, 1965 meeting were read. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved as read.

Wyre
Mr. ~~Wyre~~ of Gerstenslager Vehicle Company was present and recommended the library purchase a new bookmobile and attempt to sell the old one. He said a new bookmobile would cost \$19,000. Approximate resale value of present vehicle is \$3,000 and it could easily cost \$10,000 to repair it (with new chassis). The board members discussed whether it would be better to repair old chassis, rebuild with a new chassis or purchase a new bookmobile. The total cost for parts and labor to repair the damaged parts on old chassis would be approximately \$1,500 as quoted by National City Truck. Mr. Pilcher felt the board would be better off at this point to spend the \$1,500 - \$2,000 to repair the bookmobile than to buy a new one or a new chassis.

Mr. Sappington moved that the bills for the remaining portion of April, April 16 through the end of the month, be approved by the board for payment. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Decatur Public Library:

Salaries:	\$ 15,676.68
Operating Expense:	<u>10,479.31</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$ 26,155.99

The Board discussed the schedule Mrs. Howe had prepared showing the difference between salaries paid under city schedule we had been following and the new city payroll schedule, as requested by the Special Library Committee of City Council. There was a difference of \$17,110.85 and Mrs. Howe felt the library could manage with an additional \$10,000 due to retirements and turnover. A letter was sent to the City Council requesting an additional \$10,000 for salaries.

Properties Committee - Mr. Pilcher reported the State has approved the move for Rolling Prairie Libraries to the Eisner Store on Eldorado Street. The Properties Committee met on April 2, 1965 and recommended the purchase of six files at \$90.00 each from Illinois Power and Staley's and two tub files at \$40.00 each. Mr. Pilcher moved the expenditure of this money for the files and tubs be approved by the Board. Mr. Sappington seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Policy Committee - Mrs. Nelson said the Policy Committee met and had decided to repair the old bookmobile, this however was when the price of a new bookmobile was set at \$22,000.

Mr. Pilcher discussed the State IBM installation and Mrs. Howe mentioned the State was planning on getting machines that are compatible with library's machines and if this is done the library will have access to a considerable number of machines at no extra cost to the library.

Mr. Pilcher asked if any action was taken to request Planning Commission to make a study of the library. Mr. Hart suggested the board officially request action from the City Planner.

Mrs. Howe reported Mrs. Ann Komorech would be leaving, and ads will be placed for a Bookmobile Clerk-Driver and a Children's Librarian also. Mr. Montedonico was hired as Librarian in charge of Rolling Prairie Libraries. RPL will soon receive 15,000 - 20,000 books from Macomb.

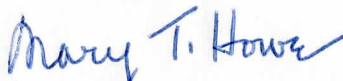
The Public Library Institute will be held in Charleston May 20 until noon May 21 and all board members were invited and urged to attend. The Public Library Development Plan did pass both the House and Senate. Mrs. Howe will be in Chicago June 15 for metal shelving investigation.

Mrs. Howe also reported a loss in circulation for the end of the fiscal year, mainly in children's area due to illness. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of Decatur Public Library will be held at noon on May 10, 1965 in the Decatur Club.

The Board decided that with the balance of \$784.97 which the library shows after the end of the fiscal year, Mrs. Howe should go to Haines and Essick and buy books.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary T. Howe
Secretary