

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY
Decatur, Illinois

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING, June 25, 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 on June 25, 1964.

Members Present:

Mr. Sappington, Vice-President
Mrs. Nelson
Mrs. Pogue
Mrs. Russell
Mrs. Stern

Members Absent:

Mr. Hart
Mr. Burnett
Mr. Pilcher
Mr. Koslofski

Others Present:

Mrs. Howe
Mrs. Hansen
Mrs. E. McNabb
Mr. Jon Woods, (H & R)

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM by Mr. Warren A. Sappington, vice-president.

The minutes of the May 29th meeting were considered and corrected to read "Mr. Sappington gave the Properties Committee report." Mrs. Pogue made a motion the minutes be approved as corrected. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Howe read the minutes of the special meeting held on June 12, 1964. Mrs. Pogue moved the minutes for June 12th be approved. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The librarian gave the report on the library. She reported the back orders for books are about cleared. There was an extra \$10 added to our appropriation and this was put in the book fund. A data processing seminar was held in the library during June. Eleven people attended from Davenport, Iowa, Champaign-Urbana, and Charleston as well as the assistant in data center for the Citizen's Bank. Eastern Illinois University is considering a system very similar to Decatur Public Library.

Mrs. Howe was requested to present the revised copy of the budget to the Board members. It was noted this has appeared in the first column of the Bill List since May 1964. The audit bill has not been received. Two tax settlements have been received from the City. Circulation for May is down. The children's summer reading club is gaining... 200 enrolled and over 1000 books read to-date. Mr. Kirchgraber has accepted a position at Belleville, Illinois public library. The staff gave him a wristwatch and a small party in the staff room. Mrs. Howe reported she will not ask to have the assistant librarian's job filled. Mrs. Puhek is working 10 hours a week in the office. Miss Stafford has returned to work. All 39 accredited graduate library schools in the country plus the ALA Bulletin, Library Placement Exchange, Library Journal and Wilson Bulletin will carry ads for five professional vacancies on the Decatur staff. We will be fortunate to hire two or three.

Mrs. Nelson gave the report of the Finance Committee. The committee met and checked the bills for the month of June 1964. She moved these bills be approved for payment:

Staff salaries.....	\$15,860.97
Operating expenses.....	10,890.85
Total bills for June	<u>\$26,751.82</u>

Mrs. Stern seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Mr. Sappington, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Pogue, Mrs. Russell, and Mrs. Stern voted aye. Motion carried.

The Personnel, Policies, and Properties committees did not meet during June 1964.

Mr. Sappington gave a report on the System 17 meeting of the Advisory Council which met June 24, 1964. Mr. Sappington read the minutes of the meeting (Copy attached to these minutes). He explained the need to change the name from System 17. There were suggestions such as Sangamon Libraries, Prairie State, Soy Libraries, Kaskaskia Libraries, Barnes Libraries, etc. Mr. Boord, State librarian in charge of extension indicated to the Advisory Council that the Illinois Library Association is getting ready to submit a bill to the 1965 legislature and the executive board felt if a system was already started it might influence people in their thinking. Library System 17 will include 9 counties. At present it includes four counties. Another name Rolling Prairie Regional Library was suggested. The Board members were asked to think further about a name for the system. Mr. Sappington further reported an executive committee was chosen: Mrs. Loose to serve as chairman and two others, Mrs. P.A. Wilkerson (Moultrie County) and Miss Nettie Davenport (Dewitt). Mrs. Howe serves as secretary-treasurer. The target date for the bookmobile is September 1, 1964. Members agreed that non-resident fees should be the same throughout the system. At present Decatur charges \$7, Bethany charges \$1. Mr. Sappington thought the other libraries could bring their standards up to our standard. Members have been asked to discuss this with their boards. The libraries chose an alternate for the Advisory Council. All library staff members and their boards were invited to attend the Staff Institute to be held at the Hott Memorial Center, October 12.

The Board members of DPL discussed the selection of an alternate.

American Library Association conference in St. Louis was discussed. Mr. Sappington cannot go as planned because he has a class on Saturday. Eleven persons on the staff will attend meetings during the week. The station wagon will be used to transport persons on Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. Edith McNabb and Mrs. Howe will attend sessions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Two copies of the application to Community Facilities Agency are signed, sealed and ready to be mailed.

The meeting adjourned at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Mary T. Howe (Mrs. H.L.)
Secretary - Librarian