

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY
Decatur, Illinois

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
August 25, 1959

After the film showing of "Impressionable Years", Mr. Madden called the meeting to order at 4 o'clock. Those present were: Mr. Madden, president, Mrs. Ridgley, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Moothart, Mr. Felts, Mrs. Greider, Mr. Koslofski, Mr. Cheeks, Mr. Hart, Mrs. Howe and Mr. Bushee.

Mr. Madden explained the purpose of the Workshop to give background and history of the library to the members of the Board. Mrs. Howe showed pictures of the library and activities through the years.

A photographer from the Herald newspaper took an official board picture at 4:30 PM.

The by-laws of the Library were reviewed.

A special election for vice-president was held. This was necessitated by Mrs. Bailey resigning from the Board. Mr. Felts nominated Mr. Burnett. Mrs. Moothart made a motion that the nominations be closed and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Burnett. This was done. Mr. Burnett was declared vice-president.

Appointments for the Committees were made as follows:

<u>Finance Committee</u>	<u>Library Advisory</u>	<u>Personnel</u>
Mr. Burnett, chairman	David Felt, chairman	Mrs. Ridgley, chairman
Mr. Cheeks	Mrs. Moothart	Mr. Koslofski
Mr. Hart	Mr. Madden	Mr. Cheeks
Mrs. Greider		

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Properties</u>
Mr. Koslofski, chairman	Mrs. Moothart, chairman
Mr. Felts	Mr. Burnett
Mrs. Ridgley	Mr. Hart
	Mrs. Greider

The Finance Committee's report was approved by the Board subject to the final approval of the Committee. Bills presented for payment (August 1959):

Staff Salaries	\$15,706.00	
Janitor's Salaries	<u>1,012.46</u>	
	\$16,718.46	\$16,718.46
Operating Expenses		<u>5,650.71</u>
Total Disbursements		\$22,369.17
Balance in checking account		45,670.45

Mr. Burnett moved the bills be paid. Mr. Koslofski seconded the motion for the vouchers for payment.

A tour was made of the Library, and the Evans Branch.

The meeting continued after dinner at the Decatur Club. A discussion was held on the Blueprint for the Library, the budget, personnel, and legal aspects of the Library's position. It was suggested that Mr. Merris, City Corporation Counsel be asked to meet with the Board at the September meeting. The members were asked to work on the question: "What you think is the purpose of the Library?"

The Librarian told the members of the Board they would receive copies of the

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following magazines: American Library Association. Bulletin; Illinois Libraries; Saturday Review; and the Library Journal.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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