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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AGENDA

JANUARY 15, 1971

- I. CALL TO ORDER
ROBERT L. SCHUERMAN, PRESIDENT
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - A. REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 11, 1970
- III. STATISTICAL REPORT
- IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:
 - A. PROPERTIES AND FINANCE
 - B. POLICIES, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL
 - C. NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY BUILDING
 - D. PROPERTIES DISPOSITION
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. RESOLUTION TO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

MEMBERS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT:

MRS. BRANDT
MR. BUTLER
MR. DICK
MR. FARRELL
MRS. HEDRICK
MR. OLSEN
MR. SAPPINGTON
MR. SCHUERMAN

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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - JANUARY 15, 1971

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Decatur Public Library was held January 15, 1971 in the board room of the main library.

Members Present:

Mrs. Brandt
Mr. Butler
Mr. Dick
Mr. Farrell
Mrs. Hedrick
Mr. Olsen
Mr. Sappington
Mr. Schuerman

Members Absent:

Mr. Miller

Others Present:

Dawn Ricchio
(Herald Review)
Mr. Dumas
Miss Schwegman

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 P.M. by Mr. Schuerman.

The minutes of the regular board meeting of December 11, 1970 were approved.

Mr. Dumas reported that during the time we have been in this building we have never been so busy in the history of the library. The circulation is up about 2-1/2 times and is in excess of any previous circulation of the library. The number of new registrations in a week and a half is equivalent to the number of registrations we would take in several months in the old building. In all levels of business, we are going over the top. Mr. Dumas further reported that in normal times we allow about 50% of the time for behind-the-scenes work, but the staff has had no time to do anything except take care of the public since we have been here. Mr. Dumas stated he would like to take this occasion to express his appreciation to the movers who did such a beautiful job of getting the things to the new building - faster than the staff could get them shelved. The movers were extremely cooperative and they did a beautiful job. The staff performed beautifully too.

Due to public demand, Mr. Dumas announced the children's room in the library will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 9:00 P.M. beginning February 3, 1971. Children's Librarian Patricia Anderson has organized a story hour for preschool-age children. The sessions will be on Wednesday for six weeks, beginning February 3. Mr. Dumas said Mrs. Anderson is also making plans for a story hour for school-age children which will meet after school or on Saturdays.

It was further announced by Mr. Dumas that Miss Janis Peach of Champaign has been named Head of the library's Reference Department. Miss Peach, who will receive a Masters Degree in Library Science from the University of Illinois in January, will start to work at the library shortly after she receives her degree.

Chairman of the Properties and Finance Committee, Mr. Butler, gave an informational report on the summary of income and expenditures through December 31, 1970 and bills approved through December 31, 1970. The motion for approval of the report by Mr. Butler was seconded by Mrs. Brandt and was unanimously approved by a roll-call vote.

Mr. Sappington read a resolution to the Friends of the Decatur Public Library expressing the appreciation of the Board to the Friends for their pre-opening reception in the new library given for the Board and the City Council. Mr. Sappington moved that the resolution be approved and become a part of these minutes. Mr. Olsen seconded the motion and it was approved.

A second resolution was read by Mr. Sappington expressing the appreciation of the Board to the staff of the Decatur Public Library for their efforts in the physical moving from the old to the new library. Mr. Sappington moved that the resolution be approved and become a part of these minutes. Mr. Butler seconded the motion and it was approved.

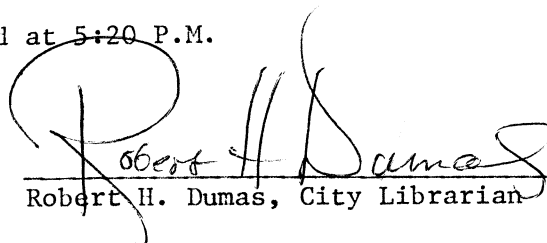
As chairman of the New Central Library Building Committee, Mr. Dick reported that the formal dedication of the new library held January 3, 1971 went very well despite inclement weather, and that since then he had heard nothing but complimentary remarks about the building. Mr. Dick further reported that the costs of the new library are within the \$1.2 million budget for purchase and renovation of the building presented to the City Council in December, 1969. He further stated that a final accounting to the Board will be made at a later date.

Mr. Dumas stated that Mr. Miller, Chairman of the Properties Disposal Committee, had asked him to report that we have pretty much disposed of those items to be sold to institutions and that the auction for the remaining furnishings and equipment will be held on January 30, 1971 with Mr. Hugh James as auctioneer.

It was moved by Mr. Sappington that the property remaining in the old library building be sold at public auction January 30, 1971, the hour and the terms of sale to be determined by the Chairman of the Properties Disposal Committee, conditioned, however, upon the requirement that no property be removed unless it is paid for in full, and also that the Chairman of the Properties Disposal Committee be authorized to enter into a contract with the auctioneer to be approved by counsel, Ed Booth. Mr. Dick seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Mr. Schuerman reviewed committee appointments as follows: Committee on Properties and Finance, Mr. Butler, Chairman, Mr. Dick, Mr. Farrell and Mr. Olsen; Committee on Policies, Public Relations and Personnel, Mr. Sappington, Chairman, Mrs. Brandt, Mrs. Hedrick and Mr. Miller; Committee on New Central Library Building, Mr. Dick, Chairman, Mr. Miller and Mr. Sappington; Representative to the Rolling Prairie Library System, Mr. Butler; and Representative to the Friends of Decatur Public Library, Mrs. Brandt.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.


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For Secretary of the Board