



DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

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ROBERT H. DUMAS, City Librarian



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AGENDA

JANUARY 11, 1974

- I. CALL TO ORDER
EDWARD FARRELL, PRESIDENT
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - A. REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 14, 1973
- III. STATISTICAL REPORT
- IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:
 - A. PROPERTIES AND FINANCE
 - B. POLICIES, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL
- V. OLD BUSINESS
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

MEMBERS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT:

MRS. BRANDT
MR. BUTLER (TENTATIVE)
MR. FARRELL
MRS. HEDRICK
MR. HOLCOMB
MR. LINDSAY
MR. ROBINSON

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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - JANUARY 11, 1974

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Decatur Public Library was held January 11, 1974 in the board room of the main library.

Members Present:

Mrs. Brandt
Mr. Farrell
Mrs. Hedrick
Mr. Holcomb
Mr. Lindsay

Members Absent:

Mr. Butler
Mr. Prince
Mr. Robinson
Mr. Whitacre

Others Present:

William Ward
(Herald & Review)
Mr. Dumas
Miss Schwegman

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. by Mr. Farrell.

The minutes of the regular board meeting of December 14, 1973 were approved.

Mr. Dumas stated for the record that the meeting schedule of the Library Board for 1974 has been posted in the library in compliance with the statutes.

It was reported by Mr. Dumas that there was not anything too encouraging about the statistics for this month as all indicators are down, primarily due to the inclement weather during December when the people just did not come out. The bookmobiles were off 4 days because of weather conditions and still showed a slight increase in circulation which is amazing. Mr. Dumas remarked that by and large he was pretty well satisfied with the statistics, and that even though the indicators are down, it is not too discouraging under the circumstances. In book buying, Mr. Dumas stated, the library has been trying to meet current demands instead of adding to the core collection. One year of this limited type buying will not hurt the core collection too badly, but the same thing will happen next year and therefore is bound to show in lowered circulation statistics.

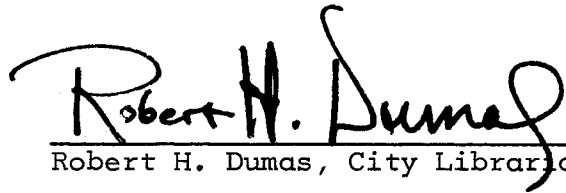
As a member of the Finance Committee, Mr. Lindsay gave an informational report on the summary of income and expenditures through December 31, 1973 and bills approved through December 31, 1973. The motion for approval of the report by Mr. Lindsay was seconded by Mr. Holcomb and was unanimously approved by a roll-call vote.

At this time Mr. Farrell read a prepared statement to the board in order to clarify some of the statements made by Mr. Farrell at a public hearing recently held on public library funding in Illinois. In summary, Mr. Farrell's statement read: "Since we are presently levying only 60% of the amount allowable under present legislation it is obvious that in regard to new emergency legislation the Decatur Public Library 'currently has no pressing problem.' However, when we look at our current cash balance it appears that we should have levied more money a year ago."

As Chairman of the Policies, Public Relations and Personnel Committee, Mrs. Brandt moved that the central library be closed on Mondays of each week for an indefinite period, effective January 21, 1974. Mr. Holcomb seconded the motion. Mrs. Brandt explained that the Committee makes this motion reluctantly, but that due to budgetary problems foreseen for the next fiscal year, the Committee felt such action to be necessary. The motion was approved.

Mr. Holcomb reported that he had been informed that certain library personnel are soliciting private industry in Decatur for donations of equipment to the library. Mr. Holcomb stated that there had been some negative response to such solicitation. It was suggested by some board members that, since the library is a tax supported institution, solicitation should not be made of industry which is already heavily taxed. Mr. Dumas stated that the library presently has no policy on such solicitation; therefore, Mr. Farrell requested the Policies, Public Relations and Personnel Committee to take the matter under consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert H. Dumas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Robert H. Dumas, City Librarian

For Secretary of the Board