

Finance and Properties Committee Meeting

February 9, 1984

Minutes

Present were Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Susler, and Mr. Marshall, Chairman. Also present were Mrs. Alpi, ex officio, and Mr. Dumas, City Librarian.

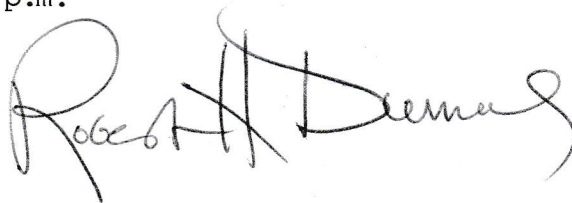
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Marshall at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room. The proposed budget was laid on the table for discussion and after brief introductory remarks by Robert Dumas highlighting the draft proposal, attention was directed by Mr. Marshall to the budgetary lines in the main budget activity and supplementary activities of the trust and capital funds that provided for acquisition of an in-house computer. Mr. Dumas noted the various problems occasioned by a shared computer - the question of control over data base, the increased slowness in response time as additional libraries come on line, the tension between Rolling Prairie Library and the Decatur Public Library resulting from different goals and emphases, etc.

Mr. Marshall raised the question of and discussion centered on alternate possible approaches to these problems, such as further upgrading of the jointly owned CPU. (This would be expensive and the cost would be borne by DPL and would not resolve the tensions) and the cost of site preparation.

After considerable discussion it was decided (1) that the in-house CPU would be left in the draft but that a meeting should be scheduled with the CLSI representative and the Committee to resolve doubts about response time, site preparation, etc.; and (2) that the Committee arrange for a visit to Lincoln Library in Springfield to inspect their computer facility.

Mr. Marshall directed the Committee's attention to the personal services accounts noting that an addition of a half-time person was included and that the assistant Cataloger's position, formerly an RPLS budget item, had been added to the Library's manning table; \$10,000 payment from RPL was included as a partial offset in anticipated revenues.

After more discussion of these and other lines, the budget was approved and the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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