

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Decatur, Illinois

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING, FEBRUARY 26, 1965

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 February 26, 1965.

Members Present:

Mr. Hart  
Mr. Sappington  
Mr. Koslofski  
Mrs. Nelson  
Mrs. Pogue  
Mrs. Russell  
Mrs. Stern

Members Absent:

Mr. Pilcher  
Mr. West

Others Present:

Mrs. Mary T. Howe  
Mrs. E. McNabb  
Mrs. M. Griffin  
Mrs. A. Komorech  
Mr. T. McNamara (H & R  
reporter)

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Francis Hart, president.

The minutes of the January 22, 1965 meeting were considered. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Koslofski reported the Properties Committee met and discussed the bookmobiles in detail, especially B2 which is in need of repair. The Board will have to decide whether to buy a new bookmobile or what to do about bookmobile service if we get a new building. Possible sites for branches were discussed, particularly South Shores.

Mrs. Howe advised Dr. Joseph Wheeler, prominent library building consultant and author of AMERICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS, will be in the area around March 22. It was mentioned that the City Council, League of Women Voters, Friends of the Library and other interested parties would like to hear Dr. Wheeler and so the Board agreed to set a date if Dr. Wheeler has time available.

At the recommendation of Mr. Hart the Special Building Committee is disbanded and a new committee formed of the heads of the various committees will take its place. The new committee, called the Liaison Committee, will consist of Mr. Pilcher, chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Sappington, Mrs. Stern and Mrs. Nelson.

Mr. Sappington reported the Finance Committee examined and approved the February bills. Mr. Sappington moved the bills for February be approved for payment by the Board. Mrs. Stern seconded the motion. Motion carried after roll call vote. All present voted aye: Mr. Hart, Mr. Sappington, Mr. Koslofski, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Pogue, Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Stern.

Mr. Sappington and Mr. West felt the method of checking the bills should be reconsidered, but no definite recommendations were made. Mrs. Howe requested the Board's approval to open a savings account since the library received a gift of \$5.00 for the building fund. Mr. Sappington moved that Mrs. Howe be authorized to open a savings account entitled the Library Building Fund at the National Bank. Mrs. Russell seconded the motion. All present voted aye. The Finance Committee approved the expenditure of \$29.00 for \$2,000 medical payment coverage for the balance of the year.

Decatur Public Library:

Salaries: \$15,910.91  
Operating Expenses: 13,882.16  
Total Expenditures: \$29,793.07

Rolling Prairie Libraries System:

Salaries: \$ 1,302.22  
Operating Expenses: 2,066.18  
Total Expenditures: \$ 3,368.40

The Finance Committee also approved \$167.00 for collision insurance, \$100.00 deductible, covering all four library vehicles. Bookmobile replacement and resale value was discussed, but since the Board has until April 15, 1965 to amend the budget it was decided to discuss this further at the next Board meeting.

Policy Committee Report: Mrs. Nelson suggested the Board meet some evening and discuss various library matters. The date of Tuesday, March 9, 6 p.m. at the Decatur Club was decided. Mrs. Nelson reported on Dr. Goldhor's speech to the Friends of the Library on February 2.

Rolling Prairie Libraries: Mrs. Griffin reported that from October 15, 1964 to February 26, 1965, 3,816 books have been circulated.

Mrs. Howe presented a duplicate of Dr. Down's letter and a letter from Al Trezza, Chairman of the Library Development Committee for the Public Library Plan in Illinois. Mr. Trezza requested the Board pass a resolution in favor of the Public Library Development Plan and advise him of this action. The attached sample resolution was amended by adding "has striven in the past and continues to strive" in the fifth paragraph, and "the Decatur Public Library Board of Directors" instead of "Trustees" in the last paragraph. Mrs. Russell moved the attached resolution in favor of the Public Library Development Plan be passed as amended. Mr. Sappington seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report: Mrs. Howe reported there will be a Public Library Institute in Carbondale on March 22 and March 23. She and Mrs. McNabb felt the ALA meeting in Washington was most enjoyable. Vacation schedule for the library has been set and the staff has proceeded to take vacations. Mrs. O'Dell will retire March 15 after more than eight years with the library. The International Fair will be April 27 and Mrs. E. McNabb is the chairman. The Rotary Club will pay all expenses incurred and do the heavy work but will leave planning to us. The Fair will be held at the Masonic Temple this year.

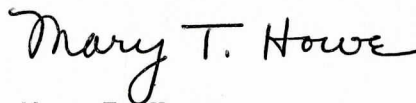
Rolling Prairie Libraries Advisory Board will meet on March 10. The Board is welcome to attend.

The Board discussed income tax credit in conjunction with contributions to public libraries.

Mrs. Howe expressed the staff's appreciation for the League of Women Voters' report on the Mid-day Show.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary T. Howe  
Secretary

Decatur Public Library, Decatur, Illinois  
Resolution

Whereas Illinois libraries are currently losing more than \$800,000 in federal funds because of inadequate library laws, and

Whereas More than 2,000,000 Illinois residents are currently without public library service of any kind, and this is one million more than were without such service 15 years ago, and

Whereas The Illinois Library Association in cooperation with the Illinois State Library has developed an outstanding plan for library development in this state calling--for the first time--for state aid to libraries, and

Whereas The Illinois Library Association Plan for Public Library Development in Illinois which suggests the establishment of local systems of libraries locally operated would engender more efficient and a better quality of library service than is now possible in the state, and

Whereas The Decatur Public Library has striven in the past and continues to strive to provide the best possible public library service to its community, and

Whereas The Library Board of this community, having thoroughly studied the Illinois Library Association plan,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Decatur Public Library Board of Directors does hereby record itself in favor of the Illinois Library Association Plan for Public Library Development in Illinois, and urges support of the plan by the citizens of this community.

Approved this 26th day of February, 1965.

Signed by

/s/ Francis H. Hart  
President

/s/ Mary T. Howe  
Librarian