Board of Trustees
Annual Meeting
May 12, 1955

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
Members present: Mr. Felts presiding, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Gage, Mrs. Ridgley, Messrs. Blackford, Burgess, Gore, Schroeder.

The members congratulated Mr. Felts on his letter to the City Council.

The Budget for 1956-1957 was discussed item by item for the final time. The motion was made by Mr. Schroeder and seconded by Mrs. Bailey that the budget be adopted as presented. Roll call: all voted "aye".

The motion was made by Mrs. Bailey, Seconded by Mr. Burgess and unanimously passed that the Librarian's Annual Report be accepted.

The election of officers took place. The motion was made by Mr. Schroeder and seconded by Mr. Burgess that Mr. Felts be elected to a second term as President that nominations be closed and the Secretary record a unanimous ballot. It was so carried.

Mr. Felts said that he had learned some things during the past year that would help during the new one and he hoped they would do a better job than than ever in providing service to the people. He thanked the Board for their attendance record.

He declared nominations for Vice President to be in order.
The motion was made by Mrs. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Blackford that Mrs. Ridgley be re-elected to this office, that the nominations be closed and the Secretary report a unanimous ballot. It was so carried.

Mr. Felts reminded the Board that they should contact Mayor Sablotney regarding the Budget and remind him of the appointment of Trustees.

It was agreed that Mr. Felts and the Librarian should pay a courtesy call on the mayor possibly the coming week.

Mrs. Ridgley reminded the members that Paul Wyer of Gerstanslager Co. would be present at the next meeting to explain Bookmobile specifications.

It was decided to have the next regular meeting on May 27th.

Mrs. Gage said she felt we should cut our Bookmobile service at our present stops and add South Shores and other locations to the list.

Mr. Schroeder reported he had had two calls regarding service that day: one from South Shores and one from the Grant School district. Mr. Gore said he understood the Grant area was becoming very interested.

Mr. Schroeder said he had a report to make to the Extension Committee regarding the South Shores Chapel.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel E. Perry

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After the meeting Mr. Schroeder asked the Librarian to get a list of Equipment needed for a possible station in South Shores and to investigate further Mr. Wyer's offer of a loan of a Bookmobile.

Board of Trustees

May 26, 1955

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Felts presiding, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Gage, Mrs. Ridgley, Messrs. Blackford, Gore, and Rollings.

Mrs. Clarence Perry and six others from the Evans Branch area presented a petition asking the Board to reconsider keeping Evans Branch open. The spokesman explained that they had no quarrel with the idea of another Bookmobile. They thought we needed it, but they also needed the Branch. According to many people the Branch area is high in juvenile delinquency. If this is true, they need the Branch for that reason. The population increase and the Caterpillar Co. bringing in people should be considered. They are not disputing the legal right of the Board to close the building but they do dispute the moral right.

Mr. Harper, Assistant Principal, Durfee School, said they had 811 children. The twenty-seven teachers requested reconsideration. Evans meets a definite need of the school. He believed circulation could be built up. A big sign was needed. Many people do not know the building is a Library.

Mr. Felts asked if the present enthusiasm was caused by closing Evans except for two days.

Mrs. Perry replied it was not that but the threat to close it entirely. They hoped to see it open more when used more. They needed more publicity; so people would know about the service. She suggested advertising cards in busses.

The Librarian asked what other day would be best if it were opened more than twice. Mr. Harper thought Wednesday or Thursday but not Friday.

Mr. Ridgley asked why they were so definitely against a bookmobile. Mrs. Perry said one was just not as efficient. A person couldn't sit down and study. And at Evans parking was no problem.

Mr. Felts thanked them for coming and they withdrew.

Mrs. Ridgley introduced Mr. Paul Wyer of Gerstenslager who talked with the Board about a bookmobile. We now have a 20' body with 8' from body to front bumper. The Pioneer type of vehicle would give us 26'. The transit bus type with engine midship would mean shorter wheel base and more book space. The bus type is the only practical type if we want more book/work area. Capacity would be 4000 vols.

Mrs. Ridgley asked about the availability of engine for repairs. Mr. Wyer explained that a workman would slide on a skooter through open panel of skirt. A Walker-Shaw engine would be used.

Ideal heating would be electric current from poles with motor heater for use between stops.

Bus type would be $14000.

Mrs. Ridgley asked if we should consider two small vehicles instead of one large. Mr. Wyer recommended the latter.

Regarding financing the Company could carry the Library for a reasonable time.

Mr. Wyer withdrew and the regular meeting was held.

The Minutes of the April 29th and May 12th meetings were approved as read.

Mrs. Ridgley gave a report of the Extension Committee. The offer from the State Library of a temporary Bookmobile was declined. ✓

Mrs. Gage felt we should cut our present stops and spread service thiner. It was the Librarian's opinion that this would be unwise public relations. Mr. Felts said this was not an emergency. ✓

Mr. Felts reported on the visit to Mayor Sablotny made by him and the Librarian. We have reason to believe the City Council will be generous this year.

Mr. Felts reappointed all Committee members. The Extension Committee will become a Special Committee

He asked the Building Committee to check the outside renovations before the Board accepted the work.

The Librarian was authorized to buy fans. Her request for a Compometer Dictating machine was laid on the table.

Mr. Gore felt that a definite vote for purchase of another bookmobile was needed. Time was passing.

Mr. Felts requested the Extension Committee to submit a definite recommendation and he would call a special meeting.

The Librarian reported that the A.L.A. Annual Convention will be in Philadelphia July 2d to 9th. Mrs. Howe is a participant at a Pre-Convention Workshop and the Librarian has been appointed representative of Marguerite Giesentaner, President of I.L.A. It was agreed that the Librarian should go as usual to represent Decatur.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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