

Minutes
Special Meeting
June 8, 1956

A special meeting of the Board to consider air conditioning of the Main Building was called to order at 4:15 o'clock.

Members present: Mrs. Ridgley presiding, Mrs. Bailey, Messrs. Burgess, Felts, Gore and Madden. Mr. Rodney Spangler, Architect and Mr. Roy Conrad, Engineer, were present.

Mr. Conrad spoke at length discussing the various systems as submitted by local firms, in particular that of Tru Temp (Chrysler). Both he and Mr. Spangler agreed that our present ceilings could not support air conditioning units and to go through to the original ceilings would be prohibitive in expense.

The Carrier unit does much the same as Chrysler in a little different way. It would take more floor space but would eliminate ducts. It costs a little more money. Compressors would be in the building making higher noise factor but units become more quiet with better engineering.

Mr. Madden questioned Mr. Conrad about using the new heating unit. The latter said this was the ideal with refrigeration units in basement or outside, pumping chilled water to consoles throughout building. This could eventually be utilized for heating in winter but would cost 30% to 40% more than his survey figure of 1954. If the Trustees were contemplating a new building they would not receive back their investment on such a system. (The 30% to 40% higher figure would not include any facilities for heat distribution).

The General Electric Company's horizontal unit is a self contained wall suspension unit but more "hefty" than the Chrysler. Such units would extend six to eight feet out into rooms but might be partially supported by bookstacks. It was the librarian's opinion that such stacks would not be in accordance with library specifications and would involve considerable expense for special construction.

Mr. Conrad reviewed the three systems: 1. Chrysler; 2. Carrier;
3. General Electric.

To his mind the best system is still that recommended by him in 1954, and he believes costs can be lowered somewhat from his original figures.

In conclusion he said that this system should be given serious consideration. The Children's Room need be the only second floor area conditioned if finances force restriction.

The time element is short. They couldn't possibly submit plans until July.

Mr. Spangler said the Architects' fee would be a straight 8% of the total cost. They would prepare plans, specifications, bids and assume all supervision.

It became apparent that it would be impossible to have air conditioning this summer. Mr. Conrad suggested doing it right after Christmas and having it ready to operate by March. By winter, it might be possible to save 10% in costs.
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Mr. Spangler said he would like to be authorized ~~to~~ to get everything planned by the above time.

The Librarian was assured that any wall shelving lost by installation could be regained by island stacks extending from each side of the units.

Mr. Spangler and Mr. Conrad left at 5:45 o'clock.

Mr. Felts believed a committee should be appointed to discover what we were going to do about building. Was this to be an addition or a new building in another location or on this site?

The Bartholomew Survey will take 18 months and that will be too late to decide about the type of air conditioning.

Mrs. Bailey and Mr. Gore thought some stop-gap system should be used which would not depend on definite knowledge of building or addition.

Mr. Madden made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bailey that the subject be tabled until the next regular meeting in September when some definite action could be taken. All voted "aye".

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel E. Perry

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Secretary

An Extension Committee meeting was held immediately after the above when it was decided that Mrs. Ridgely, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Gore, Mr. Schroeder and the Librarian would meet at Evans Branch with Mr. Graham Bradley, of Mr. Spangler's firm, the following Monday at 1:45 o'clock before the City Commissioners came at 2:00 P.M. to inspect the building.

Board of Trustees

Special Meeting

June 11, 1956

The meeting was held at Evans Branch at 1:45 P.M. to consider re-vamping the 1957-58 budget to include Branch Renovations.

Members present: Mrs. Ridgley, Chairman, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Gore, Mr. Schroeder. Mrs. Howe was present with the Librarian.

The Budget as submitted to City Hall on May 15th was examined minutely to judge its adequacy to meet complete renovations of the Branch. Figures were revised for presentation to the Board.

At 2:00 o'clock the Mayor and members of the City Council came in. The building was examined inside and out. After a lengthy discussion the City Commissioners gave their opinion that if the Board considers renovations, they should be complete as to building (both Main floor and basement) and equipment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Special Meeting

Board of Trustees

June 12, 1956

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called for Tuesday June 12, 1956, with the chief item on the agenda to revise the 1957-58 budget. The additional amounts were for renovation of the Evans Branch.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M. by Mrs. Dwight Ridgley, president. Members present were: Mrs. Laura Bailey, Mrs. Daniel Gage, Dean Madden, David Felts, Norman Gore, Karl Schroeder. Mr. Rollins and Mr. Burgess were absent.

A full discussion took place on whether to renovate the branch completely. The budget to do this was discussed. The item for equipment was specially considered as to whether additional amounts should be added for furnishing the basement of Evans Branch. It was decided to place money for this basement equipment in the 1958-59 budget after an estimate had been received.

The motion was made by Mr. Gore and seconded by Mr. Schroeder to approve the revised budget; \$226,864 for 1957-58 which includes money for complete renovation of the Evans Branch. Roll call was 7 aye; opposed 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Howe

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Assistant Librarian