

Financial Committee
February 16, 1956

The Financial Committee met at 4:00 p.m. to consider the 1957-58 budget as submitted by the Librarian.

Members present: Mrs. Bailey, Chairman, Mrs. Ridgley, Mr. Gore, Mr. Rollins.

Each item was discussed at length. In several instances the Committee thought the Librarian's figures were too conservative.

Mr. Rollins questioned her on the need for microfilming the Congressional Records and recommended that the figure for a greater amount of the project (\$1800.00) be inserted so that the Board would not be faced with the expense over a long period of time and that the Bar Association be approached for possible aid in the expense.

The Librarian was instructed to ask Mr. Spangler for a more accurate figure for the installation of a gas heater in the Main building.

She was instructed to add 5% for collection fees to only those items which are basically low.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel E. Perry

Muriel E. Perry
Secretary

Trustees Meeting
February 24, 1956

The regular meeting opened at 3:50 o'clock.

Members present: Mr. Felts presiding, Mrs. Gage, Mrs. Ridgley, Messrs. Burgess and Schroeder.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The motion was made by Mr. Schroeder, seconded by Mrs. Ridgley and unanimously passed that they stand approved.

The motion was made by Mrs. Ridgley and seconded by Mr. Burgess that bills for operational expenses to the amount of \$2,633.45 and salaries to the amount of \$7,669.81 be approved. Roll call: all voted "aye".

Mrs. Ridgley reported on the Financial Committee Meeting February 16th (See previous page) and the members examined the proposed 1957-58 budget item by item. A letter dated February 24th, from Mr. Spangler was read. He verified that replacing the I.P.L. steam heat with gas would cost \$4,250.

The Librarian reported that the new Bookmobile was expected at any moment. She asked if the Trustees wanted to inspect it for acceptance or if she should pay the bill (\$10,291.) after she considered specifications had been fulfilled. The motion was made by Mr. Schroeder and seconded by Mrs. Ridgley that payment be made at the Librarian's discretion. Roll call: all voted "aye."

The following subjects were discussed:

Mayor Sablotny had said he would announce Board appointments next week. The City Council would like the 1957-58 budget about the first of April.

George Walker, Tru Temp & Crum Distributing Co. had been requested to inspect the building and recommend fan cooling system or air conditioning.

Mr. Huntly of Association of Commerce said the Decatur Future Committee had inserted library needs in their forecasts. This would ^{be} all they could do according to their policy.

The Illinois Power Company has given us a very fine gas stove for Staff Room.

We have received a gift of books from the Ella F. Converse estate in the name of Ida May Haworth.

Mr. Burgess reported that Library assessments for the proposed new lighting system on Main Street would be met out of the Public Benefit Fund.

The Librarian was instructed to write A.L.A. and special Libraries asking their opinions of microfilming our Congressional Records.

At 5:30 Mrs. Howe announced ~~the~~ the new Bookmobile had just arrived and the members adjourned to see it.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel E. Perry

Muriel E. Perry
Secretary