Annual Meeting
Board of Trustees
May 14, 1953

The Annual Meeting of the Board was called to order at 4:00 o'clock.

Members present: Mr. Stafford presiding, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Gage, Mrs. Ridgley, Messrs. Blackford, Felts and Hull.

All members had read the Librarian's Annual Report previous to the meeting.

The motion was made by Mrs. Gage, seconded by Mrs. Ridgley and unanimously passed that the Report be accepted and that the Librarian express to the Staff the Board's appreciation for their part in making it so fine.

A final examination of the Budget was made. With the exception of the addition of 6% for loss and costs fees, the figures were the same as discussed at the last meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Blackford and seconded by Mrs. Bailey that the budget as submitted be sent to City Hall. Roll call: all voted "aye".

The members discussed the importance of contacting the City Council to explain to them the various items. Mrs. Gage felt that the public should be made aware of the fact if the Council cuts again.

Mrs. Ridgley said that if other Boards in the city go to Council meetings to protect their budgets we are lax not to do the same.

Mr. Felts suggested that he speak to the Mayor about it.

It was reported that the A.L.A. National Convention is to be in Los Angeles June 21 to 26.

The motion was made by Mr. Felts, seconded by Mr. Hull and unanimously passed that the Librarian go as usual.

A discussion took place of the contemplated survey by the University of Illinois Library School. No decision was reached.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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The meeting was called to order at 4:05 o'clock.

Members present: Mr. Stafford, presiding; Mrs. Gage, Messrs. Blackford, Felts, Gore and Owen.

The motion was made by Mr. Felts, seconded by Mr. Gore and unanimously passed that the minutes for the April 24th meeting be accepted as read.

The motion was made by Mr. Blackford, seconded by Mr. Felts and unanimously passed that the minutes for the annual meeting May 14th be accepted as read.

The Librarian's Report for April was examined and ordered filed.

The motion was made by Mr. Owen, seconded by Mrs. Gage that bills for maintenance totaling $3844.37 and for salaries totaling $5166.37 be paid. Roll call: all voted "aye".

The By-Laws as submitted for examination some weeks before were discussed. The motion was made by Mrs. Gage and seconded by Mr. Blackford that the By-Laws be accepted with the agreed changes in Article (1) Duties of the President; Article (2) Elections and Terms of Office; Article (2) The Annual Meeting; and Article (7) Employees and Appointment of Trustees. All voted "aye".

It was agreed that the election of officers should take place at the June meeting and that notification of election should be sent to the members.

The contemplated survey of the library system by the University of Illinois was discussed at length. The members expressed surprise at the prices quoted for the project. They decided they were not interested in the publication of the survey but wanted only the knowledge and recommendations which would come out of it.

The members questioned the Librarian about the possible benefits of a total survey and she explained that it should do for the library what the survey of the public schools had done for the school system.

Mr. Gore said that they had had a survey about six years ago and had put some of the recommendations into action since that time. In fact, the survey had been used three times this year in improving certain aspects of the schools.

Mr. Stafford questioned Mr. Owen about the survey done at the D. and M. C. Hospital. Mr. Owen replied that their survey had been more or less concerned with job analysis.

The Board instructed the Librarian to ask for further information from the Illinois Library School. She was to ask for (1) the minimum figure for an over-all survey minus publication; (2) the figure for a survey of the Evans Branch, administration and community relations; and (3) the price of a survey of the Evans Branch.

It was reported that Mr. Eichel had sprayed the front of the building with "Roust-Em" to prevent the pigeons from nesting there.

It was reported that Linda Weisbecker had been appointed as general non-professional assistant; that she would come on duty June 1st; that Mrs. Dorothy Turner, a teacher at the Grant School, had been appointed part-time clerk on April 24th; that Mr. Wilson had left our employ on May 20th.

It was suggested that the meeting day and time be discussed in view of the fact that Mr. Gore and Mr. Felts had conflicts with the Friday meetings. Both of these members said that although Friday was difficult, it might be wise to continue the present time and that they would endeavor to come as much as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 o'clock.

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