Trustees Meeting

November 30, 1956

The regular monthly meeting opened at 4:55 o'clock.

Members present: Mrs. Ridgley, presiding, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Moothart, newly appointed to the Board, Messrs. Burgess, Felts, Madden and Schroeder.

The minutes for the previous meeting were approved as read.

The motion was made by Mr. Schroeder, and seconded by Mr. Felts that bills for operation totaling $5,670.02 and for salaries $8,524.01 a grand total of $14,194.03 be paid. Roll call: all voted "Aye".

Mr. Madden asked the Librarian about the Bookmobile expense ($578.06). She explained that B-1 was having rather extensive body repairs. It has been in service since 1948 and some sections of the body are badly rusted. A discussion took place regarding ways of financing replacements for such equipment. Mr. Madden asked if a reserve fund could be set up so that capital expenses could be met without too great financial dislocation in any one year.

The Librarian replied that her interpretation of the Illinois Library Law forbade building up special reserve funds yet she had heard a State Tax Expert say it could be and was done by libraries.

* Mrs. Ridgley appointed Mrs. Moothart to the Building and Grounds Committee.

Mr. Burgess reported that Mr. Merris had no further information regarding the Illinois Power Company's request for an Easement permitting them to lay underground lines through the west driveway.

It was decided that Mr. Burgess would write to Mr. Williams of the Company informing him that if they still needed the Easement he would like to discuss the problem with him. This would give us a record of the matter for our files.

The Librarian said that Mr. Spangler had no report regarding Evans Branch renovations or Air Conditioning of Main.

The members agreed that the Librarian (with Mr. Burgess and Mr. Schroeder's help) should impress Mr. Spangler with the need for action, since the projects should be under way soon after Christmas.

The Librarian reviewed the motion picture Film loan policy as established by the Board and requested permission to restrict free loans to keep within the budget. It was so voted.

The Librarian reported that the need for librarians was most urgent and that the payroll schedules as established November, 1954 had completely broken down. A discussion took place regarding the problem and the Librarian was instructed to call a meeting of the Finance Committee to consider payroll revision.

* See October Minutes.

It was decided to follow the usual custom of omitting the December meeting unless one was needed regarding Branch renovations and Main Air Conditioning. Checks for payroll and operation would be signed by Mrs. Ridgley.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel E. Perry

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Secretary