

Trustees Meeting
September 28, 1956

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:55 P.M.

Members present: Mr. Schroeder, presiding, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Gage, Messrs. Felts, Gore, and Madden.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, May 25th were approved as read.

The motion was made by Mr. Gore and seconded by Mr. Felts that September bills for operation totaling \$2,772.92 and for salaries \$8,137.54 a grand total of \$10,910.46 be approved. Roll call: all voted "aye".

Bills for the following months were reported and approved:

June, operation \$3,960.21, salaries \$ 8,709.68. Total \$ 12,669.89
July, operation \$3,273.26, salaries \$ 8,896.36. Total \$ 12,169.62
August, operation \$3,184.13, salaries \$ 8,184.13. Total \$ 11,368.34.

The minutes for the special meetings June 8th, 11th, and 12th were approved as read.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Evans Branch renovations. It was decided that the work might be done less expensively during the winter even if anticipation warrants were needed.

Mr. Schroeder reported on the Librarian's request for information regarding the possible use of the former St. John's School for service during the renovations. The building is to be torn down but the Pastor of St. John's Church has offered two basement rooms. These are well kept, light and warm and they will paint them for us. Rent will be nominal. If the Board is interested Mr. Schroeder will take the Librarian to see them before she contacts the Pastor.

The motion was made by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Felts and unanimously passed that the Librarian ask Mr. Spangler to begin the plans right away.

The Librarian asked about Board plans for a preliminary survey for a new Main building since over two years have already elapsed since we first talked about a ten year project. The members agreed that we should wait until the Bartholomew survey is completed then get a professional advisor for a building survey. The Librarian was instructed to explore possible surveyors and their fees and report back.

A brief report was given regarding the Illinois Power Company gas permit.

Mr. Madden reported there were new developments this past summer in air conditioning. Units can be placed on the roof or outside the building and cooled air brought in by ducts eliminating noise and saving space. The Librarian was instructed to speak to Mr. Spangler about this and ask if these developments would change his 1954 figures. Also, he should be prepared to draw up specifications so the work can be completed by spring.

Mr. Felts asked about the status of Board members. It was agreed that Mrs. Ridgley, as President, should write the Mayor calling his attention to the vacancies and requesting appointments.

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The Librarian asked how the Board wanted to use the \$1200.00 earmarked for public relations in the salary budget. Mr. Madden suggested that we try to get a Public Relations Advisory Committee free of charge - possibly A. E. Staley, someone from Mueller's and from Condon's Advertising Agency, for example, to give one evening a month for a public relations meeting. The members agreed with Mr. Schroeder that the Librarian's Advisory Committee be used to formulate the public relations project.

The Librarian reported the I. L. A. meeting in Peoria October 18th to 20th and expressed her hope that some, if not all, might go.

The following staff resignations and appointments were reported:

Resignations: Mrs. Mavis Bly on July 21st. Motherhood.
Mrs. Susanne Martie July 31st. Motherhood.
Miss Magda Osterhuber August 31st. Moved to New York.
Miss Carol Schlaretzki August 4th. Moved to Missouri.

Appointments: Miss Joyce Breuer. Pre-professional. Bkm. I August 20th.
Miss Ferne Garman. Librarian. Bkm. I September first.
Miss Ruth Kasper, Clerk Magic Carpet June 11th.
Mrs. Mary Read. Appointed temporary Pre-professional Assistant April 11th, made permanent Assistant September first.
Mrs. Bertha Sebens. Clerk, Main and Evans Branch-August 23rd.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel E. Perry

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Secretary