

Board of Trustees  
October 30, 1953

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Hull, presiding, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Gage, Mrs. Ridgley, Messrs. Blackford, Felts, Gore, Rollins and Schroeder - every Trustee present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The motion was made by Mrs. Ridgley, seconded by Mr. Blackford and unanimously passed that these be accepted.

The Librarian's report for September was examined and ordered filed.

The motion was made by Mrs. Ridgley and seconded by Mr. Rollins that bills for maintenance for \$4078.48, salaries for \$5456.96, a total of \$9539.44 be paid. Roll call all voted "aye".

It was noted that Rodney Spangler's bill for \$22.50 for drawing up specifications for, and supervision of, the Bookmobile renovations was very reasonable.

The subject of housing the Bookmobile was discussed and laid on the table.

After discussion the motion was made by Mr. Schroeder, seconded by Mrs. Bailey and unanimously passed that the Librarian have the rear stone wall and the rear stairway wall replaced and protected from automobiles by the Christy Corporation.

The Librarian replied in the negative when asked if she had contacted Mr. Threlfall about supervising specifications and work on the exterior of the main building. She said she had tried to contact him on numerous occasions and had called Mr. Rollins when she had been unable to reach him.

The motion was made by Mr. Rollins, seconded by Mrs. Bailey and unanimously passed that if the Librarian could not get Mr. Threlfall to undertake the work, she was to ask Mr. Spangler to do so.

The Librarian spoke of the I.L.A. Convention to be held in Chicago November 5 to 7. She asked permission to use the sum of \$36.83 (or part of it) from the Public Telephone Fund to help pay transportation for the four assistants who wanted to go. There was a lengthy discussion on the wisdom of sending staff members to conventions.

The motion was made by Mr. Rollins, seconded by Mr. Schroeder and unanimously passed that transportation plus \$10.00 per diem be allowed each of the four assistants to permit them to go in addition to the Librarian. The motion stated that the Staff was not to assume this action to set a precedent, that they were to inquire about the policies followed by other libraries and with the other staff members were to submit to the Librarian for Board consideration a policy they considered good for Decatur.

The Librarian gave a progress report on preparations for the Third Annual Book Fair.

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A discussion took place regarding the new television station and the possibility of a library program.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary