

Special Board Meeting
June 8, 1953

A special meeting of the Board was called to order at 4:10 p.m.
Purpose: election of officers.

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

Mr. Stafford declared nominations open for the president.

Mr. Felts said he had two opinions regarding qualifications for president: (1) the ability to preside at Board meetings and to make the machinery of business run smoothly. (2) to guide Board relationships within the community and especially with the city government.

He nominated for the presidency Mr. A. Lewis Hull. This was seconded by Mrs. Ridgley. The motion was made by Mr. Gore and seconded by Mrs. Bailey that the nominations be closed and that Mr. Hull be elected by acclamation. All voted "aye".

Mr. Stafford turned the meeting over to Mr. Hull.

Nominations for the vice-president were declared open.

Mr. Gore nominated Mr. Felts. This was seconded by Mrs. Bailey. The motion was made by Mrs. Ridgley and seconded by Mr. Stafford that the nominations be closed and that Mr. Felts be elected by acclamation. All voted "aye". Mr. Felts was declared vice-president.

Mr. Hull and Mr. Felts agreed to go to the Millikin Bank within the next few days to sign the Public Library's checking account so that bills and payroll for June would be honored.

Mr. Hull considered committee appointments.

The Advisory Committee requested by the Librarian was left as it stood; Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Felts, Mr. Gore.

Finance: Mr. Gore, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Ridgley, Mr. Felts.

Building and grounds: Mrs. Gage (in case she is reappointed), Mr. Blackford.

Mr. Felts expressed the unanimous feeling of the Board in commendation of Mr. Stafford's work as president during the past year. He had given generously of time and effort in making the business of the Board run smoothly.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 o'clock.

There took place an unofficial discussion of the contemplated survey. The Secretary reported a telephone conversation she had had with Mr. Stone

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of the University of Illinois Library School faculty. Mr. Stone said that a letter was in the mail answering the Board's letter of May 25th.

The cost of an over all survey minus publication would be \$750. Cost for a survey of Evans Branch, general administration and community relations, \$500. Cost of a survey of the Evans Branch only, \$400.

The University's faculty would like to reserve the right to publish its findings at their expense.

They would also like a meeting with the Board to discuss the survey before a decision was reached. They recommended only an over all survey since anything less than a complete project would not give the Board a fair picture of Library service.

It was agreed that the Secretary was to send the members a copy of the University's letter as soon as it was received.

It was reported that the position of cataloger had been offered to Miss Lora Seaman of the Fenn College in Cleveland at \$3900 a year.

Respectfully submitted,

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