

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 28th, 1974 MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BELLWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bellwood Public Library was called to order at 9:25 P.M. on Wednesday, August 28, 1974 in the library meeting room. Present were Mrs. Kaiser, Mrs. Bergo, Dr. Fletcher, Mr. Katusic, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Korbel. Mr. Kirkel and Mrs. Clifford were absent.

A motion was made by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Bergo to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Unanimously approved by the board.

A motion was made by Mr. Katusic and seconded by Mrs. Kaiser to dispense with the actual reading of the Financial Report for the month of July 1974 and to approve the report as submitted. Unanimously approved by the board.

The Comparative statement of Budget and Expenditures for the month of July 1974 was received and placed on file.

The Finance Committee presented the following reports of bills, copies of which are included as part of these minutes:

No. 249 in the amount of \$3,158.82
No. 249A in the amount of \$9,437.57

A motion was made by Mrs. Kaiser and seconded by Mrs. Bergo that the President, Secretary and Village Treasurer be authorized to issue voucher checks in payment of the bills presented at this meeting. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Gallagher, aye - Dr. Fletcher, aye - Mrs. Kaiser, aye - Mrs. Bergo, aye - Mr. Katusic, aye - Unanimously approved by the board.

A motion was made by Mr. Katusic and seconded by Dr. Fletcher that the following transfers of funds from savings to the checking account be approved:

\$ 1,000.00 from Bank of Hillside
10,000.00 from the Bank of Bellwood
3,000.00 from the Bank of Hillside
\$14,000.00 TOTAL TRANSFER

Unanimously approved by the board.

COMMUNICATIONS

We have received an application from the Bellwood Block Club for use of the meeting room every Monday evening from 7 to 9 P.M. for steering committee and block captain meetings. A motion was made by Mrs. Bergo and seconded by Mrs. Kaiser that they be allowed to use the room as requested on a no charge basis. Unanimously approved by the board.

LIBRARY DIRECTORS REPORT

The Library Directors Report for the month of July, 1974 was received and placed on file.

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Washington Blvd. & Bobland Avenue

Bellwood, Illinois 60104

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To: Board of Directors
Concerning: Animal Lending Program

I would like to initiate an Animal Lending Program in the children's room. I would like to start the program with the gerbils that I have at present. This would either show me the pitfalls or indicate to me that this program works and could be done with other animals.

The animals would circulate for 3-4 weeks accompanied by food and bedding for the time they are circulating. The library has cages and gerbils. The equipment we need would only be food and bedding. This would cost approximately \$5.00 per month. The library would also need an insurance policy to cover any liability involving this service. This insurance could be taken with the same company that the library deals with at a cost of \$100 per year. The total cost of the program should cost \$160 per year.

I have talked with Dr. Boyle of the Bellwood Animal Hospital and he said that the gerbils do not carry diseases and are harmless. I hope that we would not run into any difficulties.

This same type of animal program has already been working for over a year at the Erie Public Library in Erie, Pa. through a Media Library for Preschoolers.

If you have any questions, Al or I should be able to answer them.

Respectfully submitted,

Margi Daugherty
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Children's Librarian