

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 1973 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 8:00 P.M. on October 17, 1973 in the library meeting room. Present were Mrs. Bergo, Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Kaiser, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Korbel. Mr. Fatz, our village representative also attended the meeting. Mr. Katusic, Mr. Kirkel and Dr. Fletcher were absent. President Gallagher appointed Mrs. Kaiser secretary pro-tem.

The minutes of the September 19, 1973 meeting were read. A motion was made by Mrs. Kaiser and seconded by Mrs. Clifford that the minutes be approved as presented. Unanimously approved by the board.

The Financial report for the month of September, 1973 was submitted. A motion was made by Mrs. Bergo and seconded by Mrs. Kaiser to approve the report as presented. Unanimously approved by the board.

The Comparative Statement of Budget and Expenditures for the month of September, 1973 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. 239 in the amount of \$4,545.28
No. 239A in the amount of \$8,065.76

Dr. Fletcher arrived to attend the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergo and seconded by Mrs. Clifford 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 called: Mrs. Bergo, aye - Mrs. Clifford, aye - Mrs. Kaiser, aye - Dr. Fletcher, aye - Mr. Gallagher, aye. This motion was carried with the unanimous consent of the board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

An application for use of the meeting room has been received from the Police and Fire Commission. They wish to use the room on November 5th for police candidate testing. A motion was made by Mrs. Bergo and seconded by Mrs. Kaiser that they be allowed to use the room on a no charge basis. Unanimously approved by the board. Mr. Korbel or Mr. Christiansen will stay after hours if needed.

An application for use of the meeting room has been received from the Bellwood Human Relations Commission for November 8th and April 11, 1974 for open meetings. A motion was made by Mrs. Bergo and seconded by Mrs. Kaiser that they be allowed to use the room on a no charge basis. Unanimously approved by the board.

LIBRARY DIRECTORS REPORT:

The Library Directors Report for the month of September, 1973 was received and placed on file.

Mrs. Jane Jones has joined the library force as a volunteer worker and is helping out from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M. three or four days a week.

Christine Thompson, one of our pages, is enrolled in a new course at Triton College designated as a Library Technical Program.

Mr. Korbelt submitted copies of the Summer Children's Program report and a copy is included as part of these minutes. The Board expressed their appreciation to Miss Marjorie Daugherty for a job well done.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: No Report

Mr. Gallagher charged the Administration Committee to make an annual review of the salary schedules and the holiday schedules for 1974 and to make recommendations to the board at the January, 1974 meeting.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

As yet a meeting date has not been set to review our existing insurance and secure bids for possible revisions of our policies. Mrs. Clifford will contact the chairman, Mr. Kirkel, to set up this meeting as soon as possible.

Mr. Gallagher reported to the board that on Monday, October 1st the library was closed at approximately 6:00 P.M. due to lightning hitting the transformer on the Edison line in the alley behind the library. We were without full power until approximately 10:00 P.M. It was suggested that we investigate some type of emergency lighting system for the library.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND LEGISLATION: No report

A letter has been sent to the Village Board requesting a \$20,500.00 portion of revenue sharing funds to aid us in our expansion program.

LIBRARY SYSTEMS:

Mr. Gallagher reported on the Funding Forum held at the S.L.S. Headquarters and attended by Mrs. Clifford, Mr. Korbelt and Mr. Gallagher. General indications seem to point at more funding being sought from the state with a corresponding loss of local autonomy by the local libraries and an increase in control by state system.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kirkel has requested a change in meeting nights from Wednesday to Tuesday or Thursday due to a conflict with his bowling league. After discussion, a majority of the board members find Wednesday to be the most convenient night and at the present time, meetings will continue to be held on Wednesday nights.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kaiser and seconded by Dr. Fletcher that we authorize a 4th board member to sign checks. Unanimously approved by the board. President Gallagher appointed Mrs. Adeline Bergo as an alternate signer for the remainder of the fiscal year. New signature cards and forms will be secured from the banks and presented at the November meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergo to close the meeting and President Gallagher declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Kaiser (by Adeline Bergo)
Rosemary Kaiser,
Secretary Pro-tem