

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Decatur, Illinois

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SPECIAL WITH THE Council Manager  
July 13, 1959

Members Present: Mr. Madden, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Ridgley, Mrs. Moothart, Mr. Schroeder, and Mrs. Howe. Also present: Mr. Bushee, and Mr. Albright from the newspaper.

Mr. Madden called the meeting to order at four o'clock. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint Mr. Dever with the Library budget and the needs of the Library. Individual members of the Board spoke about the various facets of the budget and the reasons underlying the 1960/61 requests.

Mr. Dever said he did not know anything about the Library budget and had not seen it.

After listening to the explanations he asked why we were planning so far in advance. Mr. Madden explained the Library operates on a cash basis and not on anticipation tax warrants. Mr. Dever expressed an opinion that the City would be considering the next budget sometime in January and not in July as it did this year. Perhaps it would be easier to budget for items that would be used in the near future.

Mr. Dever left the meeting at 4:30 to attend the City Council meeting.

Mr. Madden called attention to the items on the Information sheet: remodeling progress, the cost of blacktopping at Abbott's corner; the gratis contract for the Macon County fair, August 1-6, 1959 when the bookmobile III will demonstrate library services; the employment of Esther Larimer as Chief of Central Public Services after attendance at University of Illinois Library School 1959/60; employment of Mrs. Honnald; storage and sorting space for the Wasson prints in the Herald-Review store; and the fact Miss Helen Zitzlaff has reported for duty as head of the Magic Carpet Room which gives us two professional children's librarians.

The Meeting adjourned at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Howe  
Secretary