

July 8, 1971

The meeting of the Joint Board of Douglass Center Library was called to order at 5:05 July 8, 1971 by Mr. Baldarotta.

Those present were Tony Baldarotta, Joel Rosenfeld, Mr. Clements, Mrs. Cofield, Marion Butler, Peter G. Niemi, Cecilia Gaines and Catherine Williams.

In the absence of the secretary, Mr. Baldarotta read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Butler read her report for June 1971. Mr. Clements complimented Mrs. Butler on the completeness and detail of her first report to the Joint Governing Board.

After the report from Mrs. Butler was read the budget for part-time employees was discussed. There was also some discussion on the number of newsletters to be printed and distributed to the community. Mrs. Butler hopes to have about 300 newsletters printed and distributed each month.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Clements moved the bills be paid. The motion was seconded and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The bids for draperies were presented. Johnson's Draperies bid to make and install draperies in the Douglass Library for \$357. best filled the needs of the library. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the bid from Johnson Draperies.

Mrs. Butler was given permission to allow some shelving to be stored until needed. This will allow more room for people and floor space.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Butler inquired if there was any money in the budget for paying speakers to come to the Douglass Library. She would like to invite poets Don Lee and Gwendolyn Brooks to the dedication of the Douglass Library. It was suggested by the board that the project director make contact with the Afro-American Cultural Center to see if the Douglass Library could be part of the itinerary of Black leaders to the Champaign area. No money is presently budgeted for speakers.

Mrs. Butler asked the board to make provisions in the budget for a sound system. She asked that money budgeted for a color television set be used for a speaker unit. Mrs. Butler was asked to investigate a sound system and to bring back to the library board an estimate of the cost of the speaker system.

Mrs. Butler asked the board to consider converting the office space to a sound proof study center. The estimated cost was \$1300. An alternative suggestion was cassettes and other kinds of listening materials with head phones

The feeling of the board was that it was not the appropriate time to do more construction.