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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

of the

EXECUTIVE BOARD

of the

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

held on the 12th floor of the John Crezar Library, Chicago,
April 2nd, ¹⁹²¹ at 10:00 A. M.

Present

THE PRESIDENT: The first thing, of course, is the reading of the minutes of the last two meetings, the meetings of December 18th and 28th, 1920. Shall the minutes be read, or shall they be approved without reading?

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MR. UTLEY: I move that the minutes be adopted as typewritten and sent to the members.

MISS EASTMAN: I second the motion.

(Motion voted on and carried).

THE SECRETARY: You will find a copy of the Secretary's report the next thing below on the docket.

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MR. UTLEY: Wouldn't it be as economical a plan for the Secretary to read it as to read it to ourselves.

THE PRESIDENT: The suggestion is good.

THE SECRETARY: I would be very glad to do it and will

be glad to be interrupted with questions as we go along.

(The Secretary reads the report.)

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any comments on this report, or any questions. It is for our information and requires no action.

Item three, the report of correspondence votes.

(The Secretary reads the report.)

THE PRESIDENT: Simply a matter of reading it into the minutes. They have all been approved.

THE SECRETARY: I think no action is necessary. I simply presented it so that it may get into the minutes.

THE PRESIDENT: The next item, for our information, I will ask the Secretary to present is in regard to the American Legion.

THE SECRETARY: I have just had two letters from the American Legion; the first is from the National Commander, Colonel Galbraith, and the second is from the American Legion under the date of March 28th.

(The Secretary reads the two letters and a discussion followed.)

THE PRESIDENT: I think someone should represent us at the New York meeting of the American Legion. That is a question of expenses, whether the budget will permit. Then, there is, of course, the happy circumstance that

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our first vice president is near New York.

MR. UTLEY: If Mr. Meyer could return by way of New York?

MR. MEYER: I think that would be possible.

THE PRESIDENT: With the consent of the other members of the Board, I will ask Mr. Meyer to represent us at that convention.

MR. MEYER: I should like the Secretary to give me a formal letter stating this action of the Board so that I can present that.

THE PRESIDENT: Are we ready to enter upon the consideration of finances; because that is what the next three items are? I am anxious that we should take time for this finance business. I confess that there are parts that will have to be cleaned up for me and possibly for other members.

The first item is the Secretary's recommendation for transfers in the General Funds Budget.

(Discussion of the above followed.)

THE PRESIDENT: Is this a matter that should have the recommendation of the Finance Committee?

MR. UTLEY: No, it is merely a redistribution of money which is already in the hands of the Board. This is something that has been done every year; a readjustment

5 (at the beginning of the year. It seems to me, Madam President, that that is a distribution. I move that that transfer of \$600.00 from outstanding bills and the \$650.00 from contingent fund be authorized.

MR. ROOT: I second it.

THE SECRETARY: I think we should explain, Mr. Utley, before that is voted on the ^{quered} ~~Crerar~~ correspondence.

The Board voted last year to pay Miss ^{quered} ~~Crerar's~~ expenses. She failed to send in her bill until 1921. I have here the correspondence between our office and Mr. Belden and a statement from Miss Crerar.

MR. UTLEY: No question but that should be approved.

I renew my motion to transfer these funds to the items as specified in the Secretary's recommendation dated April 1st, 1921.

MR. ROOT: I seconded that.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: The next item is in respect to the War Funds.

6 ((The Treasurer, Mr. Utley, read the Treasurer's Report covering War Funds, January 1st to December 31st, 1920, and the same was examined by the Board.)

MR. UTLEY: I would like to move that that statement,

(Mr. Utley refers to a statement showing loan from the Second War Service Funds to the Enlarged Program and the manner of its payment.) showing the manner in which the loan was made and met be incorporated into our minutes and printed intact and separate from other financial statements, but together with the financial statement.

What I mean is: I want to see this statement by itself, but, I think, it should be printed with the financial statement; but not have the figures incorporated in it. It is to stand alongside but not be incorporated in the financial statement, so that the members of the Association who are not sufficiently interested to go through the full financial statement can see this particular thing in which they are interested and read this by itself.

MR. ROOT: With the understanding that this note number two is to ^{be} amplified to make it clear; with that understanding I move that it be approved.

MR. MEYER: I second it.

THE PRESIDENT: Moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report on War Funds for the calendar year 1920 be approved with certain modifications and corrections.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE SECRETARY: Now, the next item is the General

Financial Report, 1917-1920. A report was prepared by Mr. Fitzpatrick for the Treasurer and the auditor attempted to check it up but found that Mr. Fitzpatrick had taken into account things which had not previously been audited, a report which was absolutely accurate but which differed in details from the classifications of the auditor. The result is that the auditor is now preparing such a report from his own figures which will be practically the same, but differ in a few particular items. The auditors failed to arrive until a few days ago, in spite of everything which we could do. The result is that they haven't finished that. That item is put down for your information.

THE PRESIDENT: It is not prepared?

THE SECRETARY: It is not prepared in any way.

THE PRESIDENT: The next item is the Supplementary War Funds Budget. What action shall we take on this?

MR. ROOT: Suppose we take up each of those items.

MR. MEYER: First, as respects this hospital service, at present we have offered it to the Public Health Service and the Hospital Service. So far, the Surgeon General and his assistant indicate that they want it very much, and everybody in their department feels it belongs there, and we do also; but the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Treasury were unwilling to sign the order for taking

it over for fear of criticism from a hostile House.

The American Legion was approached and they suggested that I get in touch with Mr. Lamkin. I did that and found that he was very receptive to the idea but since there has been more or less friction between the three bodies he was unwilling to do anything until we secured a release from the Public Health Service. We have been trying to get that since sometime in the first of January. The latest word I have from Doctor Lavender is that they were preparing a statement and they hoped for action very soon. That action probably will be favorable and, if it is, it will clarify the situation a great deal.

MR. UTLEY: That would keep it under the Public Health Service?

MR. MEYER: Where it rightly belongs. We wrote to the other bodies because we want something done and they are still upon to take it over if the Public Health Service fails.

Now, the present status of the matter is this: There is no fund available at all, no Government fund available, for carrying on this work until the first of June unless the Secretary of the Treasurer signs this order directing the Public Health Service to

take it over. They can pay for it out of funds they have appropriated under a general act for public welfare. Now, how soon that transfer will be made, nobody can tell, but it looks very much as if we would have to carry on the service until the first of July.

It will take \$15,000.00 for salaries to do that and \$10,000.00 to keep up the book supply. That seems to be the minimum that should be spent for books.

It seems to me that there is nothing for the Executive Board to do but vote for this, because if there is any body of men that have a claim on this War Fund it certainly is the men who are in the hospitals suffering from the effects of the war. This represents the minimum expenditure for that purpose.

(A discussion of the above followed.)

THE PRESIDENT: What is the attitude in the navy? Do you think that they are likely to give that up eventually?

MR. MEYER: I don't think so, if the officers in the navy, from the highest down, can exert any influence the library and educational service will be retained.

(discussion followed.)

THE PRESIDENT: Suppose we pass on to other items that come under your observation, Mr. Meyer.

MR. MEYER: The American Library in Paris: I have had some correspondence with Mr. Carlton, and they have had some difficulty in raising money over there. He is firmly convinced in the value of the institution and it seems in his opinion that it should go forward.

The situation at present is, that they have no permanent endowment and if they can get the necessary finances to tide them over, why, undoubtedly a fund will be created within the next year or so, and that will be an endowment fund. They are at present, that is, the board of trustees, engaged in presenting this matter to wealthy men in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago with the idea of having them support it and that seems to have a very promising outlook.

This \$25,000.00 is to carry them over the interim.

(Discussion followed, and Mr. Meyer read a statement from Mr. Carlton.)

MR. ROOT: I move that we vote to contribute from the War Funds to the American Library in Paris, incorporated, the sum of \$25,000.00 as an endowment fund, the income to be used in paying in part the salary in that library of an American, trained in an American Library School. This gift is made subject to the condition that the selection of such an Assistant shall be approved by the

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Executive Board of the American Library Association.

MR. MEYER: I second it.

THE SECRETARY: May I suggest that you vote on it tentatively subject to legal formalities.

MR. ROOT: Also I think it ought to be submitted to the trustees as a tentative proposition subject to their approval. They may not want to accept such a fund.

MR. MEYER: Suppose we add to that: Subject to legal formalities and to the approval of the Board of the American Library in Paris, Incorporated.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: The American Merchant Marine is in the process of being revised and resuscitated through the efforts of Mrs. Howard's activities. They are in a very tight place financially until the shipping men get their funds going. Would it be justifiable to lend them a small sum of money?

MR. MEYER: We all know the interest that Mrs. Howard has taken in the matter. She has given a great deal of her time and has interested shipping men in New York and elsewhere. They called together seven or eight of them, with some representative members of the A. L. A. at a meeting which was held early in March, March 9th, I think.

That meeting was presided over by Mr. Marvin, Vice President of the American Ship Owners Association, and it was voted there to incorporate the American Merchant Marine Library Association to carry on the service of the libraries to the vessels in the American Merchant Marine. That is entirely outside of the Navy, which is taken care of by the Government. The necessary preliminary steps have been taken and they are now organizing a board of trustees, I think we will have five altogether on this board of trustees.

We have exhausted all the possibilities that were suggested as to organizations that might take this service over, and none of them were will^{ing} to do anything.

The Merch~~ant~~ile Marine organization with Mr. Ross at the head played with the idea for a considerable time, but when they were confronted with the actual offer turned it down on the ground of expense. We presented it to Mr. Spaulding and he directed us to see Mr. Ross. Mr. Ross said that it would require \$30,000.00 a year to carry this on and they felt that they did not have the funds. Mr. Ross also insisted that he would have to be given an assurance and guarantee of a legal character that his organization would not be responsible for the equipment and books. He showed a great deal of timidity.

Mr. Hill, of the Brooklyn Public Library, has given the matter consideration, but they are not ready to take over this service; it has refused it in writing.

We tried the Shipping Board and other marine interests in the city of Washington; but at the very beginning of last summer they said there was no use considering it at all because they said they had no money and they could not use Government funds in that way. It would be an absolute perversion of Government money.

The Seaman's Organization was also receptive to the idea. They could carry on the work in the ports of New York and San Francisco where they have established headquarters but outside of those two ports very little could be done by them.

(Discussion of the Merchant Marine Library followed.)

MR. MEYER: I will proceed with the Navy: The situation that confronts the Navy is briefly this. They failed to get through their educational bill in the last session of Congress and a great many of the special bills failed because the session was so short. The new session that will begin next week will be over loaded and the chances are not very good that the bill will be pas-

sed and available by the first of July. That means that it will go over and funds will not be available for that educational program until July first, 1932. Now, they have eighteen hundred men in service that can be retained. They are scattered over various points of the country with the vessels. They also have some higher salaried, three thousand dollar positions, of which there are three. They can take care of one of them, but they can not take care of the other two out of the funds that they have, and they have asked that this matter be brought up before the Executive Board in the possibility of the Executive Board voting \$6,000.00 to take care of the two \$3,000.00 positions. They really represent the fleet librarians who are of extreme importance in carrying on this educational work and especially the library end of it.

THE PRESIDENT: How would \$3,000.00 help them out? Let us give that other \$3,000.00 to the Merchant Marine.

(Discussion followed.)

✓ MR. ROOT: I (move that half this amount asked for be advanced.)

MR. STROHM: I would like to second the motion.

THE PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion that the budget for the Navy be reduced from \$6,000.00 to \$3,000.00

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: Now, about this merchant marine.

(Discussion followed.)

MR. MEYER: I move, Madam President, to leave this matter of voting any money in abeyance and simply instruct the secretary to write Mrs. Howard that the Executive Board is very much interested in the progress made and would like to have a statement from them or from their organization as soon as they have effected it as to what their status and prospects are, without committing ourselves.

MR. STROHM: I second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: The question was asked: What is to be done with the \$60,000.00 reserve? Has some member of the Finance Committee considered that?

MR. UTLEY: No, the Finance Committee hasn't considered it. The committee hasn't considered it; but it is simply a reserve.

MR. MEYER: I say, let it alone.

THE PRESIDENT: It seems so to me.

MR. MEYER: I move that the Supplementary Budget for War Funds be adopted with the modifications that were embodied.

MISS EASTMAN: Second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: I think we had better adjourn until 3:30 this afternoon.

An adjournment was taken at this time until 2:30 o'clock P. M. the same day, Saturday, April 2nd, 1921.

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2:30 o'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Present the same as before.

THE PRESIDENT: The next thing is the transfer of A. L. A. War Funds from Washington.

THE SECRETARY: I have just drafted this resolution which I think will answer the purpose. Here is the situation: There were certain outstanding checks which had not been presented for payment when the funds were transferred from the American Security Trust Company in Washington to Chicago. The amount was something like \$500.00 worth of checks which had not been cancelled, some of them two or three years old. There are still outstanding checks amounting to \$248.51 in amounts ranging from one dollar to one hundred and fifty dollars, most of them small.

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The resolution which I propose is that the American Security and Trust Company is authorized and directed to transfer the entire amount of the American Library Association, War Service Funds to the Chicago Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois, for the use of the American Library Association, Edward D. Tweedell, Treasurer.

If that resolution is passed it will be sent to the American Security and Trust Company in Washington with the additional communication, with a list of outstanding checks, and if any of these checks are presented for payment in the future they should be forwarded to the Chicago Trust Company for payment. The checks should not be protested.

MR. ROOT: I move the adoption of this resolution.

MR. UTLEY: Second the motion.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Shall we pass on to item seven: Books for Everybody Fund.

THE SECRETARY: I have nothing to present except for informal discussion or for formal decision as you wish. You have already adopted the financial report on the Books for Everybody Fund and the Campaign Fund and these statements are what you adopted at the December meeting with the details which were not considered at that time

and it is primarily from the standpoint of telling you what they are, what these details are, in general. I did not have copies of these made for purely mechanical reasons. We thought perhaps you would want to print some of these and it would therefore be unnecessary to have them prepared for this action.

This is a comparative statement of expenses by states and regions supplementing the report which you adopted at the December meeting. There is also a report by states showing the total amount, cash and pledges, received from every state which supplements the general report which you adopted at the Christmas time. Mr. Utley and Mr. Tweedell have had copies of these since about the tenth of January but they thought it not advisable to print them until the Board could give at least general instructions as to what it wished printed

(Discussion followed.)

MISS TOBITT: I make a motion, Madam President, that the summary shall be printed, the items to be included in that report be decided upon by the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Treasurer with a note attached saying that the details of the report can be secured from the office.

MR. MEYER: I second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: The next thing on the docket is the report of the Finance Committee.

(The Treasurer reads the Report of Finance Committee on Status of Fund.)

THE PRESIDENT: It seems to me that a motion would be in order to show the transfer to the Endowment Fund.

MR. ROOT: I make a motion that in compliance with the vote of the Executive Board of April 30, 1920, approved by the Association June 3, 1920 that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay to the Trustees of the Endowment Fund, as a part of the permanent endowment, the sum of \$30,447.21 this being fifty per cent of the cash received up to March 1 for the Books for Everybody Fund.

MR. UTLEY: Second the motion.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: The next thing is the suggestions for a budget. The Secretary has prepared his views in this budget. I think it might be a good thing if you would explain what you had in mind in preparing this budget, as to personnel and matters of that sort.

THE SECRETARY: The Secretary prepared this because somebody had to and not because he has any very definite notions as to what can be accomplished with this

amount of money. I tried to state in the Secretary's report some of the concrete things that we thought could be accomplished with this small sum of money. I have stated here in the two forms the proposed method of expenditure. You will see, on page two, that I have been guided largely by the special donations as indicated by Mr. Utley. I set down first the items for which money had been specifically given and then I attempted to set down the things which, in my opinion only, represented the cross, if you please, between what the Association would most like to do and what the Association seems to be under obligation to do because of the enlarged program promises, and this report is the result.

(Report examined and discussed.)

(SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION. The question was raised whether an additional item for the employment service be included in the Books for Everybody Fund.)

THE SECRETARY: May I interrupt the discussion for a moment. Mr. Tweedell has spent \$25,000.00 and he would like to tell you how he did it.

MR. TWEDELL: The balance in the War Fund was so large that I thought we ought to be getting a little more than the bank interest. The United States Certificate of Indebtedness was issued March 15th, paying five and one-

half per cent, and with the consent of the Finance Committee we invested \$25,000.00 in this one Certificate of Indebtedness which will be payable the 15th of September. We will in that way get over \$560.00 on the use of this money which otherwise would be very small. I suppose there ought to be an authorization of that by the Board.

THE SECRETARY: I think it ought to be approved.

MR. UTLEY: I second that.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: Are we ready to vote on this budget.

MR. UTLEY: Madam Chairman, I move that the Board

adopt the report of the Finance Committee to the Executive Board under date of March 25th, the report embodying the budget for the Books for Everybody Fund.

MR. MEYER: Second the motion.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE SECRETARY: The Secretary would like to ask whether the approval of a budget constitutes authority for the Treasurer to transfer funds such as the merchant marine item and so forth, hospitals and the coast guard; whether it authorized the Secretary to incur the expenses as indicated. I assume that it does; but I raise the question in order to be certain.

MISS TOBITT: I thought it did.

MR. MEYER: The adoption of the report carries with it the intention to carry out the report.

THE PRESIDENT: I would like to ask if there is anything on our records as to when the term of employment begins or ends.

MR. UTLEY: The employees of the Association?

THE PRESIDENT: On the staff, yes. What is the period?

MR. UTLEY: It is considered at the pleasure of the Board; the employment is at the pleasure of the Board.

THE SECRETARY: The Secretary would certainly not enter into any sort of contract with any individual which would bind a new Executive Board. It would be most embarrassing to the Secretary if anything of that sort should happen.

MISS TOBITT: I make a motion that the Secretary be authorized to employ such persons as are needed in carrying out the provisions of the Books for Everybody Budget and to arrange for such transfers as are required

MR. UTLEY: Second the motion.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: It seems to me that this is a good time for Miss Tobitt to tell us what she did at Colorado Springs.

MISS TOBITT: I will read you the report I have

(Miss Tobitt read the report and a discussion followed.)

THE PRESIDENT: Now, about this clerical assistant.

MR. MEYER: I make a motion that the sum of \$900.00 be appropriated out of the contingent fund or other available funds for the payment for the employment of a clerical assistant in developing the employment bureau of the A. L. A.

MR. STROHM: I second it.

(Motion voted on and carried; Mr. Root not voting.)

THE PRESIDENT: Resuming the docket: Which of the above financial reports shall be published?

~~Mr. Root~~
THE SECRETARY: Madam President, reverting to the statement showing the loan from the War Service Fund that we had this morning. I have a resolution here: Moved that the statement showing the loan from the War Service funds to the Enlarged Program and the manner of its repayment be printed in the Bulletin of the A. L. A., and also sent to the library periodicals, with a note appended explaining that after all expenses of the campaign were paid, a balance of \$1,---.-- in this fund was transferred to the Books for Everybody Fund, making the net amount paid from this fund

\$13,---.-- instead of \$15,---.--.

MR. ROOT: Second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE SECRETARY: You voted to have 7 a of the Books for Everybody published in summary, the details to be left to the Chairman of the Finance Committee; the annual report of the War Funds will be printed as a matter of course. I think this covers everything, except perhaps 6b, The General Financial Report, which is to be submitted by the auditors. I think it would be well to have a vote of the Executive Board instructing the Secretary or the Treasurer to have the report which is now being prepared by the auditors printed when it is ready.

MR. UTLEY: I move that the General Financial report of the War Funds, 1917 to 1920, now being prepared by the certified public accountants be printed in the Bulletin.

MR. STROHM: Second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE SECRETARY: May I ask you to revert back to 7d; this is a letter from the Canton War Chest and from the La Salle Extension University asking for refunds in accordance with our offer. Those are the only two

two cash refunds asked for.

(Letters read and discussion followed.)

MR. STROHM: I have a resolution here: Resolved; That the Treasurer is authorized and directed from the Books for Everybody Fund to refund \$150 of the contribution received from La Salle Extension University, and \$1,254.31 of the amount received from the Canton War Chest Committee.

This was in accordance with the letters received from La Salle Extension University March 1, 1921, and G. E. Lundy of Canton, Ohio, March 26, 1921.

MR. UTLEY: Second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: How often shall audits be made in the future?

THE SECRETARY: Once a year; it costs too much.

(Discussion followed.)

MR. MEYER: I move that in the future we have audits one once a year, conforming with the calendar and fiscal year.

MR. UTLEY: Second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: What about the distribution of fifty copies of Mr. Koch's book.

THE SECRETARY: Fifty of them have come here and I

wondered if you wanted to give me any suggestion about them.

THE PRESIDENT: Would it not be the wish of the Board to leave it to the Secretary?

MR. UTLEY: I so move.

MR. MEYER: I second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: I think, we will pass the Swampscott conference for a time and go on with the election of member of Board of Directors, American Library in Paris, Incorporated.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. Carlton in his letter recommended Mr. Lawrence Benet to be made a member of the Board.

MR. UTLEY: I move that he be elected.

MR. MEYER: Second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: Will the Secretary present the St. Louis resolution?

(Secretary reads the resolution and letters referring to the same.) (Discussion followed.)

MR. MEYER: We can cover it this way. Resolved: That the organization of members of the A. L. A. in cities or general localities meets with the sympathy of the Executive Board; but in view of the fact that this subject

is made part of the proposed constitution, the Executive Board feels that it can take no action at this time.

MISS TOBITT: Second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: The next thing is the correspondence.

(Secretary reads the letter of Mr. Daniels.)

(The President reads a letter from Mr. Daniels.)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair does not present it as a matter for action; but for information. You may continue.

(Secretary reads the letter from Old Hickory Y. M. C. A., Jacksonville, Tenn.)

THE SECRETARY: Shall these books be turned over to them.

MR. UTLEY: I think the only thing to do is let them have them.

MR. MEYER: Second that.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

(The Secretary reads a letter from the American Country Life Association. Discussion followed.)

MR. MEYER: I move that the Secretary take the necessary steps to affiliate with the American Country Life Association.

MISS EASTMAN: Second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

(The Secretary reads a letter relative to a North Dakota Farm.)

THE SECRETARY: Will somebody make a motion that it be received and filed.

MR. UTLEY: I will make that motion.

MR. MEYER: Second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

(Secretary reads a letter from Mr. Gill.)

MR. ROOT: I move that the Secretary be instructed to inform Mr. Gill pertaining to the progress of the American Merchant Marine Library Association and that we desire to have these books turned over to them when this organization is completed.

MISS EASTMAN: Second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

(The Secretary reads a letter from the National Information Bureau.)

THE PRESIDENT: I will ask the first vice president to kindly represent us at the meeting in Washington on the 14th of the month.

(The Secretary reads a letter from Miss Ahern. Discussion followed.)

MISS EASTMAN: I move that the Secretary and the President be instructed to communicate with Miss Ahern, calling her attention to some of the difficulties that have arisen in establishing relations with other National organizations and requesting that the committee make recommendations to the Executive Board of a general policy with respect to the A. L. A.'s relations with other National organizations. And that the committee also recommend to the Executive Board specific things which the Association should do in the way of sending ^{speakers,} ~~supporters~~ ^{or exhibits} or delegates to National meetings.

MR. MEYER: Second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

(The President reads and discusses some correspondence which she has received.)

MR. MEYER: I would like to make a motion that the Executive Board of the American Library Association endorse the idea of a National Book Day, having for its object the return of books that are not the property of the possessor and that the Secretary inform the various newspaper syndicates of the action of the Executive Board.

MISS TOBITT: Second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

MR. STROHM: Madam President, may I move that a vote of thanks and appreciation be recorded for the courtesy and hospitality shown us by Doctor Andrews, Mr. Tweedell, and the Board of Directors.

MR. MEYER: Second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

MR. STROHM: I make a motion that the Treasurer's traveling expenses to Swampscott be paid out of the War Funds, not to exceed one hundred dollars.

MISS TOBITT: Second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

MR. UTLEY: Madam President, I move that all of the expenses of the Board for this meeting be taken from the War Service Funds.

MR. MEYER: I second it.

(Motion voted on and carried.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P. M.
