

Elmhurst Public Library
January 15, 2008
7:30 p.m. - 8:05 p.m.

Members absent: Walsh, Hupfer
Staff: 3
Observer: S. Suconik. Scribe: B. Swords

Vice-President Vanek, presiding.

Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable were approved. Report of the Finance committee was received.

Director Boria report:

- Although December is traditionally the slowest month for circulation, 92,505 items were checked out in December 2007, and the number of visitors to the Library increased 7%.
- Library visitors purchased 1286 books from the Book Sale room, at a cost of \$1551--the greatest number of books ever sold in December.
- In December, library users paid \$660.10 in fines and fees, almost half collected electronically (by credit card on-line).
- Unique Management Services has collected \$19,306 for lost materials and has had \$117 worth of material returned; EPL began receiving services from Unique earlier in 2007.
- Holiday luncheon for Staff was held on December 18 with a pizza party held later in the day for Staff who worked during the lunch hour.
- Seven staff members (from 14 volunteers) will be chosen to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee.

This Board meeting is held in the Administrative Conference room because Meeting rooms 1 and 2 are being used by 4 York High School teachers who are helping students prepare for final exams--in French, Spanish, Math and Science--a busy and successful program. Both teachers and students will later evaluate the program.

Adult Services report:

- Two music programs presented in December were appreciated by 81 persons:
 - The recital by harpist Rashida Black offered the audience a rare opportunity to hear a solo harp.
 - York Madrigal Singers pleased with December selections.
- Part 2 of the discussion of the film *Lawrence of Arabia*, with attendance of 30,
- The Lyric Opera lecture of *Dr. Atomic* (15) and
- "How to Write for Manga and Graphic Novels" (5) offered approaches to several forms of art.

Kids' Library report:

- More than 100 children, accompanied by more than 100 adults, enjoyed Story times for young children, toddlers and pre-schoolers.
- Puppets on the Wilder Side performed on December 14, with puppets singing and dancing to such songs as "Otto the Hippo;"
- Several folk tales were performed, including a modern version of "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" (28 children, 26 adults.)

- A large audience attended "Very Funny Magic" on December 27;
- More than 100 children and adults attended the "Big Balloon Show" on December 31 to enjoy magic, slapstick comedy, and unique balloon creations.
- "High Touch - High Tech," a hands-on, interactive and sensory "field trip" led 16 Home Schoolers and 10 participants in the "After School Special" to make all kinds of icky, sticky stuff and to touch real cow guts!

Public Information Coordinator Stephanie Gandsey demonstrated for the Board the new integrated calendar and scheduling software for Staff and public use; it enables Staff to have control of all events held in the Library and for the public to see lists of all events and registration information and to register on-line. The search feature zeroes in on any subject needed.

The Board approved a resolution to authorize Trustee Dyer and Director Boria to sell the Library's holdings in Citadel Broadcasting and to transfer the funds received to the Library Employee Appreciation Fund.