

Elmhurst Public Library Board
February 19, 2008
7:30 p.m. - 8:22 p.m.

Member absent: Wheaton
Staff: 3
Observer: B. Swords

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

Consent Agenda included authorization to replace a large tree, at the east end of the parking area that was hit by a car after hours one night in January; replacement will cost \$850. Consent Agenda included a resolution to notify the City that they may use one parking space at the east end of the parking lot to complete the landscaping of the 110 Cottage Hill lot; the landscaping plan calls for a path through the lot, ending at the east edge of the Library parking lot, to be the quickest route from the train station to the Library; the elimination of one parking space will help provide safety to pedestrians.

Director Boria report: January, again, was a record-breaking month in circulation, visits to the drive-up window (averaging 53 cars per day), number of visitors to the Library, number of reserved materials et al. Patrons also paid \$807 in fines and \$255 in fees for lost materials from Nov. 15-Dec. 31, 2007.

The City of Elmhurst Employee Appreciation dinner, January 25 at Doubletree Oak Brook, honored 80 Library Board members and Staff, among other City employees. Visitors to the Library will be pleased to see the new painted mural at the east end of the second floor; books and materials in the World Languages collection are represented.

Adult Services report: Sessions for Teens studying for January final exams drew attendance of more than 200 students and several York High School faculty. Librarians answered more than 5,000 reference questions at the second floor reference desk: answers were provided to queries about recent newspaper book reviews, music for a piano student who wished to learn to play "Illinois Loyalty," the U of I fight song, Christian music for a religion class, job hunting information, multi copies from the book discussion collection for a family book reading group, "light reading" articles published in several money magazines.

Kids' Library report: 48 programs drew attendance of 1453. "Making Waves With Leonardo" kicked off the Winter Reading Program with a high-energy concert attended by 47 children and 40 adults; 545 pre-schoolers-8th graders--have registered for the Winter Reading Program. Six middle school volunteers donated 13 hours of service to the Library.

On January 21, 62 children and 42 adults attended "Movin' and Groovin' on Dr. King's Brithday" with Linda Gorham who presented multicultural and interactive folk tales.

Staff report: Assistant Library Director Caltvedt and Consultant Maureen Sullivan described the impressive beginning discussions of the Strategic Planning committee; 7 Staff members are working out ideas for future programs, policies, and activities and revisions to the Library's mission and values statements. These matters will be forthcoming for the Elmhurst community via print, web site, and Blog. Other Boards and

agencies in Elmhurst are also engaged in strategic planning investigations.

Board approved: Authorization for administrative staff to purchase hardware and software at a cost of \$154,552 and to contract with Patrick Engineering to install this equipment at a cost of \$28,000.

Resolution to approve as presented the FY 08-09 and FY 09-10 operating budgets.