

**Elmhurst Public Library Board**  
**April 15, 2008**  
**7:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m.**

**Member absent: Baker**  
**Staff: 3**  
**Observer: B. Swords**

**Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable** were approved. Report of the Finance committee was received. Consent Agenda included approval of the plan to recycle discarded computers from the Library for use by School District 205.

**Director Boria report:**

- Planning is underway for special events and programs for summer; one possibility is to cooperate with other area libraries for exhibits and programs commemorating the centenary of Daniel Burnham's master plan for the City of Chicago.
- Circulation records at EPL continue to be set: highest circulation ever was recorded for March 2008--119,742. Because of the bad weather in March, a record number of cars--1606--used the drive-up window.
- Strategic Planning Committee hosted a meeting of interested Staff, Board members, and community leaders from Elmhurst College, School District 205, City of Elmhurst, League of Women Voters and others to discuss the first draft of Mission, Vision, and Values statements for the Library.
- A report-writing seminar was held for supervisors to help them write more effective evaluation statements.
- Library tours were given to Staff and Board members from Fountaindale Public Library (Bolingbrook) and Brookfield Public Library, both libraries planning to build new libraries.

**President Walsh report:** EPL has received the State of Illinois per capita grant of \$51,771.95.

**Adult Services report:** March programs were well attended:

- Conversational Spanish mixer (32);
- "Composting: Building Your Garden from the Ground Up" (27);
- Book discussion of *Teacher Man* by Frank McCourt (28);
- "Visionary: An Elmhurst Retrospective with Author Virginia Stewart" (40).

The Second Floor Reference Desk answered 5.136 questions. Among them was a request to locate the recipe for Aunt Bessie's Pie from Plentywood Restaurant in Bensenville (long closed); the pie was described as "a light and very sweet ending made from marshmallow and chipped creams in a graham cracker crust, topped with miniature chocolate chips and standing in a pool of chocolate sauce." A recipe was eventually located in Allrecipes.com. (Observer has a copy).

**Kids' Library report:**

- Fifty-five programs with attendance of 1312 were presented in March.
- Home School Club members and After-School Special attendees had a virtual "Deep Sea Adventure" on a submarine.
- Elmhurst College Children's Literature class learned about Library resources and worked on a class project.
- Bunny stories were presented to 35 children and 25 adults from the twins' group,

"Multiple Miracles".

- Three visits to Elmhurst pre-schools 135 children attended.
- Six Middle School volunteers donated 20 hours of service.

**Assistant Director Caltvedt report:** The Strategic Planning committee has completed phase 1 of its study of the demographics of Library patrons & potential patrons and of the principal topics of statements of Mission and Vision: Accessibility, Respect, Integrity, Accountability, and Learning. Phase 2 will establish task forces for these topics. Students and their instructor from Elmhurst College will be conducting a survey of the community about attitudes, interests and ideas about EPL and its collections and services. Results will be available May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Board approval** was given to continued participation in the reciprocal borrowing program as promulgated by the Illinois State Library.

**Board adjourned** to executive session to discuss personnel matters.