

Elmhurst Public Library Board
July 15, 2008
7:30 p.m. - 7:55 p.m.

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

Oaths of office were administered to new terms as Trustees to Hupfer, Walsh, and Wheaton.

Consent Agenda and **Accounts Payable** were approved. Consent Agenda included approval of funds to replace public access and staff computers, which have been in use for the 5 years since the new Library building opened; the new computers will be able to use the new software. Report of the Finance committee was received.

Director Boria report. Monthly circulation, for the first time, showed a decline, but this was attributed to this year's date for the start of the summer reading program 5 days later than in 2007. Nevertheless, circulation per hour the Library was open was slightly higher and all other circulation measures increased in June.

Services provided by Unique Management continue to be profitable: \$30,882 in fines and fees have been collected during this past year.

The new Playaway collection of adult audio books now has 184 titles; patrons can listen to a book on a small player, with an AAA battery and patron's headphones, and enjoy both fiction and non-fiction works.

Boria announced the resignation of Stephanie Gandsey, editor of *Fine Print* and provider of public relations services; she is moving on to a position in business. A search for her replacement is underway.

President Walsh report: She announced the resignation from the Board of Trustee of Nora Aman - Gurvich because her family is moving away from the area.

Adult Services report: Sessions of "Study for Finals" in June involved more than 75 participants. Other programs included "Conversational Spanish" (21), "How to Get Published"(22), and *Inconvenient Truth*--part of the Eco Movie Series (19). On July 22, "Adventures with John James Audubon" will be presented.

More than 4500 reference questions were answered at the 2nd floor desk. Among them was a search for a book about the diaries of a woman moving to a coal mining town in the 1950s--perhaps the author's name was Barbara ?. Librarian DeRonne found the answer in *Novelist Plus-Appalachian Passage* by Helen B. Hiscoe, with a forward by Barbara Ellen Smith. "You people are the greatest!" commented the patron.

Kids' Library: 4800 young people are now enrolled in the summer reading program: "Catch the Reading Bug." Summer volunteers and substitutes gave more than 600 hours to help with registration and procedures and processes. Other volunteers helped 2nd and 3rd graders practice their reading skills with Book Buddies.

Librarians report that "finally older kids have time to read! S. Karpel presented 6 book-talking presentations at Bryan Middle School featuring the hottest summer reads. A total of 380 6th and 7th graders attended and soon were in the library looking for the books."

New business: Approval to sell the Library's shares of Disney stock and transfer the funds to the

Library Employee Appreciation Fund. \$7300 will be realized.

The Board adjourned the regular meeting and then opened the ANNUAL MEETING at 8 p.m.

Officers were elected: Walsh, president, Vanek, vice-president, and Wheaton, secretary.

Director Boria presented the Annual Report, May 2007-April 2008. Patrons have received the report in the latest edition of *Fine Print*. This year's theme for the summer reading program provides the imagery for the statistics: "Go Green" (financial figures), "The Buzz" (circulation and attendance), "Bee a Bookworm" (collection) etc.

Annual meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.