

Elmhurst Public Library Board
December 16, 2008

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

Observer did not attend this meeting because of a snow storm, but she prepared this report from materials supplied by the Library and the minutes of the meeting.

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

Director Boria report: Circulation for November 2008, increased 4% for Adults, Kids, and overall: average daily circulation was 3909.

Adult Services report: Lyric Opera lectures were well attended: *Lulu* (26) and *Porgy and Bess* (36) as was "All About Digital Camera, Part 1" (78). Among the 4,745 questions asked and answered at the 2nd floor desk: What is the correct spelling of the line in Alice in Wonderland-- "O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!" The patron was pleased to receive the answer and also background information about the "greatest nonsense poem in the English language": other invented words by Lewis Carroll are "chortled," "galumphing." "Frabjous" is thought to be a combination of "fair, fabulous, and joyous." Another request was to find the obituary for a person who was a longtime resident of Elmhurst: the obituary was found on microfilm and the Library's new equipment scanned the page and emailed it to the patron as a PDF.

Kids' Library report: Programs in November (71, with attendance of 1651) included a book discussion for 2nd and 3rd graders in honor of election day of *Marvin Redpost, Class President*; a special adoption storytime celebrated National Adoption Awareness Month (38 parents and children); in cooperation with the Elmhurst Art Museum, a storytime featuring artist and singer/songwriter Bonnie Koloc performing her book *A Bestiary: Beasts of the Farm*-- followed by viewing of her exhibition of paintings, prints and objects at the Museum; 38 students at the After-school Special and the Homeschool Club made ornaments at the Make and Take Holiday Ornament Workshop.

New Business: Board approved some revisions to "Materials Selection Policy" resulting from the adoption of the new Strategic Plan. {Observer has a copy of these revisions]. The revised Mission statement: "The EPL will be a place for discovery at the heart of the community. . . ."

Board approved a resolution to work with Friends of the Library to sponsor a trivia night on Saturday, February 28 from 7:30-10 p.m. With the approval of the Liquor Commission, participants shall be allowed to bring beer and wine to the event.

Board approved resolutions of appreciation to the Elmhurst Garden Club for its 56 years of holiday decorations and to the Library Staff for its contributions throughout the year.

Adjournment.