

**MINUTES OF THE EVERGREEN PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 9, 2011
7:00 PM Library Lower Level**

1. Vice President Eugene Tabour called the meeting to order at 7:12. Present were Trustee Ruth Hansen, Trustee Ruth McDonald, Treasurer Elizabeth Topa, Secretary Kim Shine and Library Director Nicki Seidl. Trustee Pearson was not in attendance.
2. Ruth Hansen motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2011, was seconded by Ruth McDonald and the motion passed unanimously.
3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Nicki Seidl. A motion was presented by Ruth McDonald and was seconded by Ruth Hansen to file the Treasurer's report for audit. Ruth Hansen motioned and was seconded by Ruth McDonald to approve the list of bills payable for February 2011. Both motions made during the Treasurer's Report passed unanimously.
4. **Public Participation:**
 - Jake Welch
5. **Librarian's Report:**
 - **River Boat Gambling Night @ the Library.** Sponsored by the Library Foundation who is hoping to raise \$10,000 to support the Summer Reading Program. The night was a success. Funds of \$2,500 were raised for the cause and a great time was had by all! Thanks to all who helped with this event! Fundraising events coming up: A Cupcake Making contest and Scrabble Tournament.
 - **Technology**
 - ✓ The computer classes offered in both English and Spanish are a hit. Unfortunately that left 26 people on a waiting list for our Basic Computer class offered on Monday evenings. Two additional classes were opened, albeit in the afternoon which accommodated another 13 people. Additional laptop computers would ease the situation.
 - ✓ Children's computer table number 2 arrived. Unfortunately this too was unacceptable and therefore another table top has been ordered.
 - ✓ Library has subscribed to the Mango Language database, available through the Evergreen Park Library web site. (Keep reading Deborah). It is similar to the Rosetta Stone and there are many different languages offered. Our customers can access this at home through the library web site with their library card! Subscription cost to the library \$2,100 a year.
 - **Building-**
 - ✓ Fireplace is fixed and much of the repairs were covered under warranty.
 - ✓ HVAC contractors out to investigate unusual noises. Minor repairs were made to the air handler in the basement and the panels on the roof that hide the air handlers. Rattling quiet for now.
 - ✓ Due to a inavailability of security cases (the ones that fit our current shelving have become extinct) a new CD checkout procedure has been instituted. Customers will bring the empty CD case to the checkout desk and librarians will provide the CD from behind their counter.

- ✓ A patron was banned from the library permanently due to misuse of public property. ~~TGCTT~~

- **Staff-**

- ✓ Analia Gomez and Kristina Morgan have been hired for the position of circulation clerks. Welcome!
- ✓ Sybil Garver will be out in March for medical reasons.

6. **Old Business:**

Status of Metropolitan Library System- On January 10, MLS Board voted to merge with the four other systems in Northern Illinois into one mega system, effective July 1, 2011. There will be 1,500 public, private, universities, and school libraries included in the new system. Outsourcing delivery services has been approved by the current MLS Board, but who will sign a contract with the outsourcing vendor is questionable. SWAN is its own government instrumentality, and currently has a short term contract with MLS to pay for some staff. On July 1st SWAN member libraries will begin paying fees to cover the cost of operating independently of the system if state does not come through with promised monies.

New Business:

- None

8. **Adjournment:**

At 9:19 a motion to adjourn was presented by Trustee Elizabeth Topa and seconded by Trustee Ruth Hansen. This suggestion was unanimously agreed to. The next month's regularly scheduled meeting will take place March 9, 2011, at 7:00.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Hamilton Shine
Secretary, Evergreen Park Library Board