

**MINUTES OF THE EVERGREEN PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, February 8, 2012  
7:00 PM Library Lower Level**

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1. President Kim Shine called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. Also present were Treasurer Elizabeth Topa, Vice President Jake Welsh, Secretary Ruth Hansen, and Library Director Nicki Seidl. Trustees Ruth McDonald and Deborah Pearson were absent with notification.
2. Elizabeth Topa moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, seconded by Jake Welsh. This motion passed unanimously.
3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Nicki Seidl. The board discussed and was in favor of starting to move some money into reserves to save for deferred maintenance issues, in accordance with previous discussions. A motion was presented by Ruth Hansen and was seconded by Elizabeth Topa to accept the Treasurer's report for audit. The Board reviewed the list of checks for February for the payment of bills. Ruth Hansen moved to accept the list of checks as presented; Jake Welsh seconded the motion. Both motions passed unanimously.
4. **Public Participation:**  
There was none.
5. **Librarian's Report:**
  - Nicki will be going to Springfield to review applications for state construction grants.
  - Upcoming events include a Poetry Slam, coordinated with EPCHS; hosting author Laura Willig, and bringing the editor of Chicago Home and Garden to Evergreen Park to discuss Chicagoland spaces.
  - We have been encouraged to reapply for grant funding for teacher in the library from ADM. Grant monies are expected to be lower, which would mean adjusting the hours of the program.
  - A technician was called to repair the circulating pump.
6. **Old Business:**  
Board members continued discussion on the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund. Participation in the Fund appears both advantageous and prudent in managing the library's assets. Elizabeth Topa introduced a motion, seconded by Jake Welsh, instructing Nicki Seidl to prepare paperwork pursuing membership in IMET. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **New Business:**  
Nicki announced that EPPL is a recipient of the AT&T Investing in Illinois Award. We were nominated for the award by our State legislators, Senator Edward Maloney and

Representative Kelly Burke. The award comes with funds, which will be applied to the summer reading program. The board expressed their appreciation to Senator Maloney and Representative Burke for their recognition of the Evergreen Park Public Library.

**8. Closed Session:**

Ruth Hansen moved, with a second from Elizabeth Topa, to convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the selection of a person to fill a vacancy in the public office of library trustee, as allowed by Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was approved in a roll call vote, with members voting as follows:

- Shine – aye
- Welsh - aye
- Topa – aye
- Hansen – aye

The closed meeting convened at 8:41 p.m.

Elizabeth Topa moved, with a second from Jake Welsh, to end the closed meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the closed portion of the meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

The Board directed Secretary Ruth Hansen to call Tina Ward and offer her appointment to the vacant seat. The Board commented on the very strong pool of those expressing interest in filling the vacancy, and how well it reflected on the library administration.

**9. Adjournment:**

At 9:25 p.m. a motion to adjourn was presented by Elizabeth Topa and seconded by Ruth Hansen. The motion passed unanimously. The next month's regularly scheduled meeting will take place March 7, 2012, at 7:00.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ruth Hansen  
Secretary, Evergreen Park Library Board