

**MINUTES
ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, April 21, 2015
Kossmann Room, 7:00 p.m.**

President Linda Wheaton called the April 21, 2015 meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Kossmann Room.

Board members in attendance included, Linda Wheaton, Ingrid Becton, William Ryan, Marsha Baker, Carol Jacobsen, Susan Sadowski, Monica Iacono, and William Shanklin. Teresa Menolascino was absent. Also in attendance were Library Director, Mary Beth Campe, Assistant Director of Public Services, Catherine Ingram, and Administration/HR Manager, Rita Andreuccetti.

Visitors in attendance: James Treccia - Student at Elmhurst College.

The first order of business was the approval of the Minutes of the March 17, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. Marsha Baker moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the March 17, 2015 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.

Monica Iacono seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The second order of business was the approval of the April 21, 2015 Accounts Payable. Susan Sadowski moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the April 21, 2015 check register be approved for payment.

Carol Jacobsen seconded the motion. Director Campe responded to several questions about the invoices. The motion carried.

Director Campe distributed the monthly credit card statements and the small check register. She noted that the Library will not receive property tax payments until June. There are sufficient funds in reserves to cover expenses until tax payments are received. She stated that the incomes were on target.

She also reviewed the expenditure lines. She reported that the spending was on target. She further noted that book publishing has as seasonal component and that we will see increased spending in those lines leading up to summer and before the holidays.

In her Director's Report, Ms. Campe briefly discussed the IMET investment fund issues that have been in the news. She also mentioned that we successfully worked with the Elmhurst Police Department to catch a DVD thief in the Library.

Director Campe also drew special attention to our growing and successful list of programming offerings for seniors. These are typically offered during the day. Our Sunday Concert Series has also been successful. The York High School Chamber Music Concert, on a recent Thursday night, is another example of our growing programming, collaboration and use of the Library as a "third space" in the community.

There was no President's Report

The first item of Unfinished Business was the Adult Services Department Reconfiguration Project. Ms. Campe reviewed the cost accrual of the project. She highlighted that contingency funds were built into the construction budget and that some of these monies have been spent. We are nearing the end of the construction project. Ms. Campe responded to several questions.

The next item of Unfinished Business was the Tour of ADS Construction Area. The Board agreed to take the tour at the end of the meeting.

The first item of New Business was a review of the 2014 Tax Rate. Campe called attention to the noteworthy drop in property values since 2009. Currently our levy rate is .3976. With our maximum levy rate of .4 it would seem we are close to our maximum. However, Director Campe explained that we currently include our bond payment in that levy rate, which is not required. Additionally, it is expected that property values will start to climb in coming years.

The next order of New Business was the approval for the Participation in Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement. Monica Iacono moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

that the Elmhurst Public Library Board of Trustees will participate in the statewide reciprocal borrowing program as promulgated by the Illinois State Library for FY 2015.

Susan Sadowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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The next order of New Business was an update of the Long Range Plan. Director Campe will be bringing some results to the next board meeting. She explained that staff meetings subsequent to the Board's strategic planning retreat have not produced any surprises, but rather further building on the many good ideas already highlighted. She is hopeful the strategic plan will be completed toward the end of summer. Campe highlighted that this timing will work out well for 2016 budget planning.

The Board toured the ADS construction area.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Monica Iacono, Secretary