

MORTON GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2011

Mission Statement

The Morton Grove Public Library will provide a place offering materials, programs and services to assist the community in its pursuit of personal growth and lifelong learning.

Vision Statement

Morton Grove Public Library will meet the needs of its growing increasingly diverse community by providing services and partnering with other community organizations. All will be welcome to follow their interests, expand their dreams, learn new skills and interact with other members of the community to enhance their quality of life. The Board of Trustees and staff will work together to serve the public and respond to the changing roles of libraries.

1. Call to Order

President David Levin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Secretary Hoffman called the roll.

Trustees Present: Bernadette Fahy; Laura Frisch; Arthur Goldstein, Treasurer; Dan Hoffman, Secretary; David Levin, President; Larry Levin

Absent: Renée Miller

Others Present: Benjamin Schapiro, Director; Kevin Justie, Assistant Director/Coordinator of Automated & Technical Services; Natalya Fishman, Head of Reference; Rosetta Metz, Community Outreach Coordinator; Blanche Miyamoto, Administrative Assistant

Visitor: Carrie Porter, editor of MortonGrovePatch

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3. Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2010 were reviewed.

Motion by Trustee Hoffman to approve the minutes.
Seconded by Trustee Larry Levin.
Approved by voice vote.

Minutes of the Executive Session meeting of December 9, 2010 were reviewed.

Motion by Trustee Fahy to approve the minutes.
Seconded by Trustee Larry Levin.
Approved by voice vote.

Trustee Frisch entered at 7:31 p.m.

4. Public Comments - None

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Goldstein presented the December reports, which included a review of the cash statement, accounts payable and income statement.

The Board accepted the Treasurer's Report.

6. Committee Reports

Finance Committee – January 11, 2011 meeting, Treasurer Goldstein reporting.

The committee reviewed the December financial reports.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Building and Grounds – None

Policy – None

President David Levin appointed Trustee Frisch to the Policy committee. Trustee Fahy will no longer serve on this committee but will continue to serve on the Finance committee.

Building Development Committee - None

7. Friends of the Library Report – none

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8. Librarian's Report

Statistics

Total Circulation for December was 27,502 down from 27,909 last month. Year to date circulation is 349,427, 3.5% more than the same period in 2009 (337,469).

Website hits from non-staff users were 211,762 for December, down from November by 4,594. This is an average of 6,831 hits per day, a +15% change compared to this month last year.

Patron registrations show a net gain of 36 from November at 10,035 active cards, with 75 new patrons and 102 renewals. This represents 44.7% of the Morton Grove population with active cards.

MyMediaMall downloads were 252 for December. Registration now totals 658 with 26 patrons joining.

"Picture This" Playaway Contest

MGPL placed third. Kudos to all staff.

2011 Winter Library Challenge – Reading Program

This reading program started on January 10th in the Adult and Youth Services Department.

Recapping 2010

Director Schapiro highlighted positive changes in the year 2010.

Legislative Breakfast

The President's Day Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for Monday, February 21st, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the Arboretum Club in Buffalo Grove. Trustees attending are: Laura Frisch; Art Goldstein; Dan Hoffman; Larry Levin; Renée Miller
Staff attending are: Director Schapiro, Community Outreach Coordinator, Rosetta Metz

Golf Middle School

Director Schapiro informed the Board that due to financial difficulty Golf Middle School would like to sell their Waukegan Road property, use the funds to expand Hynes Elementary School and move the students to that school.

There are legal procedures that need to occur before a sale can happen. A letter of agreement must come from the Board before the school can proceed. The Board would like a presentation of the school's plans before making any decision. Director Schapiro will set up a date to meet with those involved.

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9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business

Sirsi – Stand Alone/CCS Membership

Kevin Justie, Assistant Director distributed a handout showing the cost for joining the CCS Consortium. After viewing the costs, the Board agreed that MGPL should continue as a SIRSI - Stand Alone Library.

By-Law Changes

Director Schapiro pointed out the change in the starting time of the board meetings to 7:00 p.m. from 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Hoffman to accept 7:00 p.m. as the start time for the board meetings.

Seconded by Trustee Larry Levin.

Approved by voice vote.

Director Schapiro pointed out the change in petty cash to \$250 from \$100.

Motion by Trustee Larry Levin to accept the change in petty cash to \$250.

Seconded by Trustee Goldstein.

Approved by voice vote.

11. Communications - None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Secretary