

Elmhurst Public Library Board Meeting

March 15, 2016

Library Conference Room, 7:00-8:40 pm

LWV Observer: Annette Armstrong

Meeting called to order by Acting President Monica Iacono at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment - Annette Armstrong reminded the Board meeting attendees about the League of Women Voters meeting to be held on 3/16 at the Library. She also commended the Board, Director, and Assistant Director on their vision and leadership. Additionally, she pointed out the prescience of approving the withdrawal from SWAN (consortial catalog) in light of new, arbitrary rules and the inability to move forward with modern, decentralized technology.

Minutes of the February 16, 2016 regular meeting and Accounts Payable for March 15, 2016 were approved unanimously.

- a. **Financial Report** - Expenditures are all on target.
- b. **Director's Report** - Creative studios used 127 times last month. Very high use of 3-D printer and special use collections. Anniversary celebration was very successful! Vintage Library cards will continue to be issued until they are gone.
- c. **President's Report** - Acting President Iacono read a thank you note from trustee Linda Wheaton for the plant she received after her surgery. Catherine Ingram received a resolution for her contributions to the Library. She is moving out of state.

Unfinished Business

- a. **Bryan Blank**, the new Head of Reference was introduced. He was promoted from within the Department. **Josh Jurss**, the new Creative Specialist was introduced to provide a Makerspace presentation.
- a. **Makerspace Presentation** - Josh believes the Library basement would be an awesome space for our Makerspace, should the Board approve the concept. He reported there were 83 prints last month. Josh passed around samples of products made with a laser cutter. The embroidery machine can assist with making quilts, personalizing fabrics, etc. Josh recommends visiting the Makerspace at the Museum of Science & Industry. There was not one public library that Josh could recommend because the spaces are so small.
Board members asked about liability issues, how to staff the space, etc.

New Business

- a. A motion was made by Trustee Sadowski to **move forward with the Makerspace**, secure an architect, and develop plans. There is already a budget line for this project. All trustees present voted "aye."
- b. A motion was made by Trustee Sadowski to accept the **bid from Service Plus** in the amount of \$59,500. This project will involve purchase and installation of lighting on the 2nd floor. The current lighting is insufficient. All trustees present voted "aye."
- c. **Food for Fines** - Trustee Becton made a motion to approve the this drive during National Library Week. Food collected in lieu of overdue fines will be directed to United Community Concerns Association of Elmhurst.

The meeting was adjourned by Acting President Iacono at 8:53 pm.

Meeting related documents can be accessed at:

<http://elmhurstpubliclibrary.org/about-us/administration-board/board-information/>