

**MORTON GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2006**

**1. Call to Order**

President Cooperman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Trustee Dahmer, serving as secretary in the absence of Secretary Walsh called the roll.

***Trustees Present:*** Sadiqua Ahmad; Estelle Cooperman, President; Elinor Dahmer; Patrick Kansoer, Sr; Renée Miller; Treasurer; Agnes Quinn

***Others Present:*** Benjamin Schapiro, Director; Blanche Miyamoto, Administrative Assistant

***Visitors:*** Morton Grove Residents: Maggie Zimmer, Joseph Brunner, Harold and Mary Cohon

**3. Minutes**

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2006 were reviewed.

**Motion** by Trustee Dahmer to approve the minutes.  
Seconded by Trustee Miller.  
Approved by voice vote.

Minutes of the special meeting of January 31, 2006 were reviewed.

**Motion** by Trustee Kansoer to approve the minutes.  
Seconded by Trustee Ahmad.  
Approved by voice vote.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Miller presented the January reports, including review of the cash statement, accounts payable, and income statement.

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**Motion** by Treasurer Miller to approve the January cash statement, subject to audit.

Seconded by Trustee Dahmer.

Approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Motion** by Treasurer Miller to approve the accounts payable and income statement, subject to audit.

Seconded by Trustee Kansoer.

Approved by unanimous roll call vote.

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**Finance Committee** – February 7, at 4:30 p.m. Chair Miller reporting. The committee reviewed the January financial reports.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 7, 2006, at 4:30 p.m.

### 5. Committee Reports

**Building and Grounds** – Chair Dahmer reporting.

The committee did not meet.

No meeting date was scheduled for the Building and Grounds committee.

**Policy** – Trustee Kansoer reporting in the absence of Trustee Walsh. The new Travel Policy and Youth Library Card Policy were discussed at the policy committee meeting and now needed board approval.

**Motion** by Trustee Kansoer to approve the new Travel Policy.

Seconded by Trustee Quinn.

Approved by voice vote.

**Motion** by Trustee Kansoer to approve the revised Youth Library Card Policy.

Seconded by Trustee Quinn.

Approved by voice vote.

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### **6. Librarian's Report**

#### ***NSLS Awards Banquet***

The NSLS 2006 Membership Awards Banquet will be held on March 17, 2006. Registration deadline is March 3. If any trustee is interested contact the administration office. The Library will pay for anyone attending the dinner.

#### ***WiFi Network***

Patrons are using the WiFi network regularly. The Library is working on getting monthly session statistics.

#### ***BCA***

Choices were made on furnitures for the Adult Workroom project.

#### ***Statistics***

Adult circulation is up 3.0% compared to last January.

Youth Services circulation is up with a 6.3% increase from last January.

There is a correction to the Monthly Statistics report under the Adult Reference heading, 2196 is correct instead of 1947.

#### ***Library Publicity***

Director Schapiro expressed a desire to reach out to the Morton Grove residents in the new condominiums. His suggestion is to write letters to each member of the condominium about the Library.

The board was in favor of this venture.

#### ***Removing Fees for Videos***

This item will be put on the March agenda for further discussion.

### **7. Unfinished Business**

#### ***Trustees Seminar***

President Cooperman passed out seminar information to the board members. Please let the administration office know if anyone is interested in attending.

#### ***Trustees Term of Office***

The board is looking into possibly changing the term of office for trustees and will consult the Library's attorney, Ned Griffin on this matter.

#### ***Board Meeting Date Change***

This item will be put on the March agenda for discussion and approval.

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**8. New Business**

***Nominating Committee***

President Cooperman appointed Trustee Dahmer and Trustee Renée Miller as the 2006 Nominating Committee. Location of meeting, the Library or somewhere else, was in question. Director Schapiro will investigate.

**9. Communications**

- The Annual Legislative Breakfast will be on Monday, February 20, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. Director Schapiro, Trustees Cooperman, Dahmer, Kansoer, Miller, and Ahmad will be attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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**Secretary**

