

**MORTON GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

Secretary Sykes called the roll.

**Trustees Present:** Sadiqua Ahmad; Estelle Cooperman; Arthur Goldstein; Dan Hoffman, President; Renée Miller; Agnes Quinn, Treasurer; Jan Sykes, Secretary

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

**Visitors:** Nick Katz, journalist from the Morton Grove Champion newspaper; Eric M. Poders, Publisher of The Morton Grove Voice

**3. Minutes**

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 2008 were reviewed.

Correction to Minutes: On page 2, under Public Comments, change the word "was" to were".

**Motion** by Trustee Cooperman to approve the minutes  
Seconded by Trustee Sykes.  
Approved by voice vote.

**4. Public Comments - None**

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### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Quinn presented the August reports, including review of the cash statement, accounts payable and income statement.

The Board accepted the Treasurer's Report.

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**Finance Committee** – September 9, 2008 meeting, Trustee Quinn reporting.

The committee reviewed the August financial reports.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, at 4:30 p.m.

### **6. Committee Reports**

***Building and Grounds*** – no report.

***Policy*** – Trustee Sykes reporting.

Trustee Sykes recommended that the Board accept the Maternity/Paternity Leave Policy. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that the phrase “or foster care” be eliminated from the policy.

**Motion** by Trustee Sykes to accept the updated Maternity/Paternity Leave Policy with the elimination of the phrase “ or foster care”.

Seconded by Trustee Goldstein.

Approved by voice vote.

**Motion** amended by Trustee Sykes stating that this policy be effective as of September 1, 2008.

Seconded by Trustee Goldstein.

Approved by voice vote.

***Fund Development Planning*** – Trustee Hoffman reporting.

Executive Service Corps of Chicago sent a final report to the Library on establishing the Friends of the Morton Grove Public Library group.

**7. Friends of the Library Report** – no report.

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### 8. Librarian's Report

#### **Statistics**

Total circulation for August was 26,494 down from 31,490 in July. August 2008 total circulation differed from 2007 by +1.1%. Year to date total circulation is 212,738, 2.0% more than the same period in 2007 (208,592).

Website hits from non-staff users were 172,525 for August, down from July by 18,331.

Patron registrations show an increase of 137 from May at 8,998 active cards, with 109 new patrons and 142 renewals. This represents 40.1% of the Morton Grove population with active cards. New registrations increased by 90 and renewals decreased from July.

MyMediaMall downloads were 58 for August. Registration now totals 294 with 6 patrons joining.

#### **Projects with Morton Grove Park District**

In 2009, the Library and the Park District will be working together on various projects.

#### **Family Fest**

Book Sale – Trustee Cooperman will be using the remaining Morton Grove Public Library plastic bags from Youth Services for the book sale at the Village.

### 9. Unfinished Business

#### **New Building**

No report

Trustee Ahmad entered.

### 10. New Business

#### **Resolution on New Building Location**

Director Schapiro presented a proposed draft resolution for a new library building at 6140 Lincoln Avenue, Morton Grove. Discussion followed.

**Motion** by Trustee Miller to accept the resolution for a new library building at 6140 Lincoln Avenue, Morton Grove.

Seconded by Trustee Goldstein.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: 6 ( Ahmad, Cooperman, Goldstein, Hoffman, Miller, Sykes)

Nays: 1 (Quinn)

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**11. Communications**

Liz Kaiz, Young Adult Librarian – Last day was today, Thursday, September 11. She will be on maternity leave.

Morton Grove Public Officials and Administrators Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 4:00 p.m. at the Morton Grove Public Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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**Secretary**