

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF CAROL STREAM**

**Carol Stream Public Library  
616 Hiawatha Drive  
Carol Stream, IL 60188**

**DATE: April 18, 2007**

**TIME: 7:30 p.m.**

**PLACE: Village Hall**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Douglas called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

President Douglas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Secretary Hudspeath called the roll.

Present: Trustees Bailey, Hudspeath, Ranck, Siegman, and Douglas

Absent: Two Trustee positions vacant

Also Present: Library Director Ann Kennedy, Assistant Director Julie Blackwell, Tom Arends, Leslie Shambo, Jane Carr (7:40 p.m.)

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no one from the public in attendance to address the Board.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Siegman moved and Trustee Bailey seconded to establish a consent agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2007. Motion carried.

Ayes ..... 5 Trustees Bailey, Hudspeath, Ranck, Siegman, and Douglas

Nays ..... 0 None

Absent or

Not Voting .... Two Trustee positions vacant

Trustee Ranck moved and Trustee Hudspeath seconded to put the following items on the Consent Agenda for the Meeting. Motion carried.

Ayes ..... 5 Trustees Bailey, Hudspeath, Ranck, Siegman, and Douglas  
Nays ..... 0 None  
Absent or  
Not Voting .... Two Trustee positions vacant

- A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2007**
- B. Receive Monthly Report of the Treasurer for the period ending March 31, 2007**
- C. Approve Recommendation, re: Material Selection Policy**
- D. Approve Disbursements of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2007 in the amount of \$104,898.01**
- E. Receive Monthly Report of the Library Director**
- F. Receive Monthly Staff Reports**
- G. Receive Communications**
- H. Receive Announcements**

Trustee Ranck moved and Trustee Siegman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for this Meeting by omnibus vote. Motion carried.

Ayes ..... 5 Trustees Bailey, Hudspeath, Ranck, Siegman, and Douglas  
Nays ..... 0 None  
Absent or  
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*The following is a detailed description of various items placed on the Consent Agenda:*

**Material Selection Policy**

The motion was made at the March Board meeting to approve the Material Selection Policy but was tabled so Trustees could have more time to review the Policy. Motion was removed from the table and passed.

**Monthly Report of the Library Director**

Congratulations to Marcy Doyle who is celebrating her third employment anniversary during the month of April.

**Communications**

- A. Thank you from Villa Park Public Library for hosting staff visitors

**Announcements**

- A. Invitation to groundbreaking party for Addison Public Library, April 22, 2007
- B. Carol Stream Rotary Club 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Open, May 11, 2007

## Regular Meeting

### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Human Resources Committee  
No Report
- B. Facilities Committee  
No Report
- C. Finance Committee  
No Report

### VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Preliminary Report, re: 2007 Library Referendum

President Douglas read the preliminary results of the Referendum to issue bonds to build a new facility; 1628 yes and 3903 no. The Board will look at the Long Range Plan and decide what to do with the current building to alleviate our space problems. This is not the time to make a decision on the Kuhn Road property as a possible future site; there is still a possibility to build a future library there and there is a life estate with the Kammes family.

We have received several angry emails from one of our outspoken critics, Dennis Romanowski. The most recent one was received the day of the Board Meeting. Romanowski states, "I hope that the Library Board listens this time and you begin to use the current facility to its fullest capacity and stop at that. If the current Library Board wants to continue to be a part of the Carol Stream Library District then you need to listen to the consensus of the entire community and not only the people that are "all out library folks" and "I ask you and the Library Board to start the process of thoroughly investigating all the recommendations that have been made to you and come up with some additional ideas." President Douglas read his reply, "I look forward to seeing you at future library board meetings to impart you and your group's ideas for solving the library's space and funding problems. I hope that you will be willing to lead a committee of citizens and the Board to study and make recommendations on the issues. The need for community input is great. We need people such as yourself who are willing to roll up their sleeves and break a sweat solving the problems of community government. For as we know, to paraphrase Teddy Roosevelt, it's not the critic who counts, but the man (woman) in the arena."

Douglas announced plans to set up an ad hoc Facility Committee to look at all plans for the old library building and see what can be done. The committee would include citizen input and Romanowski and Michael Wade would be invited to take part.

Trustee Ranck felt that the Board has done a great job in studying the building possibilities. In several surveys the people indicated the conditions under which they would like to see a new building. The Board would not be doing it's job if it didn't take the issue to a

referendum. President Douglas and Trustee Siegman both stated that the Board has always fulfilled its obligation to the people and worked within its financial means. We will continue to do what we can with the aging building. Citizens who don't think we are doing a good job should sit in on the Committee.

New Trustees will be sworn in at the May 2007 meeting and new officers will be elected. A Committee could be formed right away and the process started.

President Douglas congratulated Trustees Siegman and Ranck for being reelected and Tom Arends for his election. He thanked Arends for holding off on his appointment so he could work on the Referendum Committee.

### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Recommendation, Re: Application for vacant Trustee Position**

An application was received from Leslie Shambo for the vacant Trustee position. President Douglas appointed her to fill that position. She will be sworn in at the May 2007 Board meeting.

### **XII. OTHER REPORTS**

#### **A. DuPage Library System**

No report

#### **B. Friends of the Carol Stream Public Library**

No report

President Douglas invited Jane Carr to address the Board. Ms. Carr stated that she is a library supporter but she voted No on the ballot because it was just too big of a plan. People have been hit really hard in the pocket books. President Douglas explained the process of the previous two referendums and how the 81,000 square feet was arrived at. Trustee Siegman stated that the collection we have now would fit in 60,000 square feet and the Library needs to build for the future. The public has a need for computers and study areas which we can't provide with the present building. President Douglas thanked Jane Carr for coming to address them and invited her to sit on future citizen committees.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Ranck with a second by Siegman that the meeting be adjourned.  
Motion carried.

Ayes ..... 5 Trustees Bailey, Hudspeath, Ranck, Siegman, and Douglas  
Nays ..... 0 None  
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There being no further business to come before the Board of Library Trustees, President Douglas declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Mary C. Hudspeath, Secretary  
Board of Library Trustees