

**MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PARK RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD
JANUARY 10, 2008 AT 7:33 P.M. IN THE THIRD FLOOR MEETING ROOM OF THE LIBRARY**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: John Benka, Chair; Kathleen de Grasse, Patricia Lofthouse, John Schmidt, Richard Van Metre, Library Board; Janet Van De Carr, Library Director; Linda Egebrecht, Vivian Mortensen, Library Staff.

ABSENT: None.

Approval of Committee Minutes

Mr. Schmidt made a

MOTION: To approve the minutes for the Resources Committee Meeting held November 15, 2007.

Mr. Van Metre SECONDED the motion.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Community Survey

Mrs. Van De Carr reported that 1,500 letters will be sent alerting the community to the fact that the survey will occur. Calls should begin in February. Mrs. Van De Carr will have further details to present to the Board at next Tuesday's meeting.

Proposal for Video Game Collection for Adults

Ms. Mortensen presented the Committee with a proposal to add a video game collection for patrons aged 15 and older (adults). According to Ms. Mortensen, the Friends of the Park Ridge Library are willing to donate \$1,050.00 to start the collection, which would be small. The proposal is not to purchase equipment and the video games would be applicable for the Library's 3 current game formats.

Mr. Benka asked about specifically where the demand for adult video games is, i.e., is the age range actually 18 and older or really 15 and older who are requesting the games – and whether among other issues, selecting first-person shooter games is appropriate. Mr. Schmidt questioned whether an adult video game collection fits the Library's mission. Mrs. Lofthouse indicated that a video game collection would be beneficial as an instructional tool. After some discussion, it was decided that the video games would be targeted at Library patrons aged 15 years and older.

Mr. Van Metre made a

MOTION: that \$1,050.00 from Friends of the Park Ridge Library be used to purchase a test collection of adult video games.

Mrs. Lofthouse SECONDED the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES = Mr. Van Metre, Mrs. de Grasse, Mrs. Lofthouse
NO = Mr. Benka, Mr. Schmidt

MOTION PASSED.

Strategic Plan

A few suggestions were made regarding the Strategic Plan and they will be brought to the attention of Mr. Crandus. Mrs. Lofthouse reminded the Committee that the Disaster Plan issue is still unresolved. Mrs. Van De Carr indicated that the City Disaster Plan is comprehensive and is being reviewed. Mr. Benka stated he will contact Alderman DiPietro to confirm the Library's involvement and inclusion in the City's disaster plan.

Adjournment: 8:37 p.m.