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River Forest Library Board September 15, 2009

Ann Grimes, Observer

Board President Margaret Horstman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Present were Library Director Sophia Anastos, and Board members Joan O'Connor, vice-president; Joan Cusack, treasurer; Harley Beck, secretary; Genie Halloran, trustee; Alice Calabrese, trustee. Absent was trustee Mark w. Coe. Also present were Roma Steinke and Becky Thornton, library staff.

The consent agenda was read and approved, followed by a discussion of the proposed budget for year 2009-10.

Before making her report, Ms. Anastos urged the Board to find ways for the staff to achieve greater outreach to the community, to attract residents who have not yet accessed the variety of programs available to them. The Director's report covered a number of issues and topics:

- Roofing work to be completed in this month of September.
- The cause of the light fixture collapse in the area between men's and women's restrooms is being investigated.
- The flooding of parts of the building during heavy spring rains was due to faulty drainage, which has been remedied.
- The library is to provide patrons with information for hazardous waste disposal.
- Explore organization models of other libraries, for possible improvements in ours.
- We will apply for participation in the Illinois State Synergy Program for library directors.
- Building inspections, including elevators, should be required only biennially instead of annually.
- The library now pays the village \$27,000 annually for liability insurance. Staff will seek alternate coverage at lower cost.
- Certain reserve funds have been invested in a 2% CD at Community Bank of River Forest.
- Board members are to contact our legislators about requesting/writing a grant.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

(online minutes: www.riverforestlibrary.org/trustees.htm)