



**Oak Park Library Board  
November 14, 2007**

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The meeting began at 6:05 pm; all Trustees were present with Trustee Lane 10 minutes late and Trustee Fruth one hour late. Many of the same library personnel who were present at the October 25 meeting were present for the first 20 minutes of the meeting. Other library personnel who stayed for the entire meeting were Deirdre Brennan, Executive Director, Rita Earle, Executive Secretary, Deborah Preiser, Public Relations Director, James Madigan, Assistant Director, Dole Librarian, Jeanne Friedell, Nancy York-Erwin, and RoseAnn Vonesh.

The first twenty minutes of the meeting was devoted to the wrap up of the October 25 meeting. Director Brennan presented the Board with the Strategic Plan reflecting in red ink the changes which had been suggested at that meeting as well as noting the priorities that the staff had agreed upon by vote. After discussion the plan was given an okay and it was deemed that the next step was to fit in the action steps and present a timeline. This could be expected by the January Board meeting.

There was a brief break and the meeting resumed at 6:30.

A representative from the Collaboration for Early Childhood Education program gave a presentation of the program and its budget.

The Board Calendar was discussed and there were no visitor comments.

Approval of hours of operation and the Holiday closings for 2008 were approved as well as Maze and Dole being open five days during the holidays in 2007.

There was quite a bit of discussion on the possible closing of the Buzz Café whose owners had asked to get out of their contract by the end of 2007. James Madigan said the Library had gotten their attorney's opinion of this matter. The responsibility of both parties was discussed. Director Brennan was asked to work with the Buzz Café over the upcoming weeks and Trustee Leonard was voted to be the liaison to the Board during this period.

Brennan then presented her Goals for 2008 and the Trustees weighed in with their comments. She did mention that Alan Greene, husband of Karen Greene was donating books to the library in her name and was working with the Dole Librarian to accomplish this.

There was lengthy discussion about a memo to Brennan from Tom Barwin, Village Manager, about charging the library for operating, maintaining and servicing the parking structure at the library. To date the Village had not invoiced the library for any costs since the parking garage opened in 2003. Brennan was given the task of working with Barwin to come to some sort of agreement or conclusion for handling this situation.

James Madigan gave his report noting, among other things, that the survey about the Maze renovation was overwhelmingly positive.