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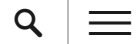
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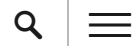
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The Prairie should revisit 'Values'

Dear Editor,

A few months ago, a column ran entitled "Values," and it spoke directly to the ongoing battle between a government body fighting for unknown reasons to keep access to child porn and other illegal things open on taxpayer-funded computers in the [Orland Park Public Library]. In that column, *The Orland Park Prairie* thanked the whistle-blowers and promised that if the library board did not do the right thing and block the illegal activity it was prepared to write editorials in favor common sense.

Where are those editorials? All I've seen in this paper are articles complimentary to the library, despite its terrible policies, law-breaking and actions taken against whistle-blowers. To my knowledge, there are [three] board members who dissent regularly, and yet never are they quoted in this paper. Has anyone at *The Prairie* asked any of the board members who voted against the motion to leave the Internet unfiltered (three times!) what their thoughts are? Why is *The Prairie* uninterested in what the dissenting board members have to say?

I have a lot of neighbors and friends, and none of them think what the OPPL is doing is wise — 0 percent, in fact. Yet, the people who decided to keep the obscenity on library

computers appear to have a majority on the board. If you talk to people on the street, however, those board members do not hold the majority view in the community.

I live on a fixed income. I certainly don't have the extra cash flow to support sex offenders and perverts. Do you? Surely, tax dollars can be spent in a more appropriate way that, if not a benefit to the community [one that] doesn't actively seek to harm it.

We've heard every excuse and politicking from the majority of the board. Why isn't *The Prairie* sitting down with the three dissenting board members to get their side of the story? Don't the people of Orland Park deserve to hear their views? And more importantly, who wrote that "Values" column, and why hasn't he/she followed through on that promise?

Jean Morrow

Orland Park resident

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