

SUBURBAN LIBRARY COOPERATIVE

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Sterling Heights, Michigan 48313

Board Meeting

March 27, 2008

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at the St. Clair Shores Public Library by Ronald Black, Chairperson.

Trustees present: Diane Barr (Armada), Barbara Brown (Clinton-Macomb)
Denise Giordano (Eastpointe), Dick Runels (MacDonald),
Mark Wollenweber (St. Clair Shores), Ron Black (Shelby),

Absent: Frank Sosnowski (Harper Woods), Lynne Gregory (Troy),
Frank Pasternak (Warren)

Staff present: Sue Mihalic, Assistant Director, (St. Clair Shores)
Arthur Woodford (Suburban Library Cooperative)
Darlene Paquette (Suburban Library Cooperative)

- II. Approval of the Agenda.

Runels moved to approve the Agenda, supported by Wollenweber. Motion carried.

- III. Approval of the February 28, 2008 Minutes.

Motion made by Brown to approve the February 28, 2008 Minutes, supported by Runels. Motion carried.

- IV. Member Library concerns.

New Baltimore Art Fair is April 19 – 25th.

- V. Approval of the Bills.

Wollenweber moved to approve payment of the bills, supported by Giordano. Motion carried.

- VI. Action Items

- A. Response to State Librarians Proposed Model

The attached draft letter was submitted to the Board and discussed. Giordano would like to change the following sentence in the draft letter to read: ~~Not only do~~ We disagree with the State Librarian's plan and ~~we found~~ find the proposed model very confusing and extremely difficult to understand.

Many Cooperatives have responded to Nancy Robertson's blog and are opposed to the proposed model except for Southwest Cooperative. Statistically, just over 87% of comments on the blog are against the proposed model.

Motion made by Wollenweber to approve the Response to the State Librarians Proposed Model as amended, supported by Barr. Motion carried.

B. Response to Proposed Rule Changes to PA 89

At the Council meeting of March 13, 2008 members requested that the Cooperative's Interim Director Respond to the Proposed Changes to State Aid Rules and Regulations (PA 89) based on the analysis by Suzanne Dees, Director, Superiorland Cooperative. The Board reviewed her analysis and discussed two important changes to the current state guide lines that need attention:

- Using the St. Clair Shores Library as an example, the current guidelines state that a library must have a director with a degree in library science, four years of experience and a professionally trained librarian for each 25,000 population. The new guidelines require a director with a degree in library science and an employee with a level four certificate.
- New guidelines are requesting that local libraries provide services to anyone that comes into the library.

Motion made by Runels to authorize the Interim Cooperative Director to respond to the Proposed Changes to State Aid Rules and Regulations (PA 89) based on the analysis by Suzanne Dees, Director, Superiorland Cooperative and to add additional comments as necessary, seconded by Wollenweber. Motion carried.

C. Budget Report

1. Adjustments for FY 2007-2008 Proprietary Fund

We must increase our Cataloging line item by \$20,000 to cover an invoice for services from the Michigan Library Consortium. Funds from our depreciation line item are available to cover this expense.

Motion made by Wollenweber to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from our Depreciation account to our Cataloging account, seconded by Barr. Motion carried.

2. Budget Report

Motion made by Runels to receive and file the adjusted Budget Report, seconded by Brown. Motion carried.

D. Investment Report

Interest rates are going down and Brown is working on finding better rates.

Motion made by Wollenweber to receive and file the Investment Report, seconded by Runels. Motion carried.

VII. Information Items

A. Automation Report

Our new Systems Librarian, Amy Shaughnessy, is attending a series of training classes. Other staff members are attending various classes as well and four of our staff members are attending the Sirsi Super Conference in Detroit on April 6-7.

B. Urban Cooperation Agreement (UCA)

SLC is moving ahead with the Urban Cooperative Agreement. A revised draft was received and will be reviewed at the next Shared Technology Committee Meeting. SLC is waiting to sign a conflict of interest letter that is being drafted due to prior services that Fraser Public Library received from Foster, Swift, Collins and Smith, PC.

C. Investment

Motion made by Giordano to receive and file the Investment Report, seconded by Runels. Motion carried.

VIII. Public Participation.

No public participation.

IX. Next meeting date

April 24, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Suburban Library Cooperative.

X. Adjournment

Giordano moved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m., supported by Runels. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Giordano,
Secretary