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COUNCIL MINUTES

Suburban Library Cooperative
March 13, 2008

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. at the Suburban Library Cooperative.

Present: Smith (Armada), Minor (Chesterfield), Neal (Clinton-Macomb), Sterling (Eastpointe), Slivka (Fraser), Parus (Harper Woods), Hoffmeyer (Lenox), Thomas (MacDonald), Casamer (Macomb), Worrell (Mount Clemens), Graham (Ray), Harper (Romeo), Valade (Roseville), Chambers (Shelby), Orlando (St. Clair Shores), Turgeon (Sterling Heights), Russ (Troy), Doege (Utica), Henderstein (Warren), Paquette (SLC), Woodford (SLC)

Absent: Cross (Center Line), Reghi (Lois Wagner)

II. Approval of the Agenda.

Chambers moved to approve the Agenda, supported by Henderstein. Motion carried.

III. Approval of the Minutes.

Chambers made a motion to change the Shelby "Present" name from Pierson to Burgeson.

Motion made by Turgeon to approve minutes of the February 14, 2008 meeting as amended, supported by Thomas. Motion carried.

IV. Suburban Library Cooperative Business.

A. Automation

The report regarding all the in transit holds is going to run on April 1st and all libraries need to go through and check all holdings. Frezza is waiting on Sirsi quotes for individual libraries. The ILL rule for loaning materials is "If you own an item for six months then you have to loan it." Michicard loaning is an individual library decision.

B. MeLCat

OCLC and MeLCat pick up locations of holds was discussed and Council decided that the process needs to be discussed by the Standards and Procedures Committee.

Question: Is there anything in writing where SLC libraries should first go to MeL and if MeL does not have the materials then go to OCLC? There is not written procedures at this time and this issue also needs to go to the Standards and Procedures Committee.

C. Proposed Changes to State Aid Rules and Regulations

The Proposed Changes to State Aid Rules and Regulations was emailed to directors and included Suzanne Dees, Director, Superiorland Cooperative, comments. Suzanne was very thorough in going through and highlighting changes. Should we respond as a Cooperative listing all libraries or as individual libraries?

Motion by Chambers to submit a unified response as a Cooperative to the Proposed Changes to State Aid Rules and Regulations, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

D. State Librarian Proposed Model for State Funding

Neal distributed and discussed a spreadsheet that shows the effects the model will have on State Aid. A draft for the Cooperative Benefits Report for FY 2006-2007 will be ready to distribute at the Trustee Association Meeting. The SLC Board has agreed to write a response to the Proposed Model for State Funding after the SLC Trustee Association Meeting. Should we respond to the proposed model as a Cooperative and list all member libraries? Many library boards are meeting this month to compose their response to the Proposed Model for State Funding to post on the state librarian's blog.

Motion by Russ for the SLC Board to submit a response to the Proposed Model for State Funding, seconded by Turgeon. Motion carried.

Should the Cooperative Council respond in support or opposition to the Proposed Model for State Funding?

Library directors want to support state aid, but don't know what the final model will look like. Therefore supporting or opposing the model is not valid at this time.

E. Gale eBook

Because the cost is greatly reduced, there is no financial benefit to purchase the Gale eBook as a Cooperative. If libraries want to purchase the Gale eBook, SLC will help to coordinate the purchase and get the cataloging complete. A web session is being held tomorrow, February 15 at 10 am.

F. Tote Bags

The Public Relations Committee recommended that SLC pursue quotes for the purchase of tote bags to celebrate our 30th anniversary. Tote bag samples and prices were discussed.

Motion made by Turgeon for SLC to spend \$10,000 on Blue tote bags, seconded by Parus. Yeas 9, Nay 9. Motion Denied.

Council recommended that the Public Relations Committee look for other items to promote SLC's 30th anniversary.

V. Announcements and Information.

A. Urban Cooperation Act (UCA)

The UCA draft report was received. The Shared Technology Committee is meeting after the Council Meeting today to review the draft.

B. MLA Public Policy

MLA ballots come out in May for a new Board. Turgeon is on the MLA Forum that is a committee on how to transition volunteers to bring in new people. Some commitments will be larger and others will be short term.

VI. Member libraries' announcements/concerns.

Thank you to Ray Township Public Library for donating goods to the meeting.

ARM – One of our patrons was thankful that the library had Wi-Fi.

CLL – Absent.

CHE – Head of Children's and Assistant Director, Marta Kwitkowsky has resigned.

CMPL- Julian Morian was promoted to Associate Director. The attorney that spoke at the last DSLRT meeting left us extra handouts if you are interested. Don Green's, Board member for 12 years, term is up in April. For Earth day we are phasing out our plastic bags and are having a contest on U2 to promote our new bags. Please use the yellow delivery slip and include the date when returning items to CMPL.

EPL – Received our second partial payment from the Vera Malone Estate of \$30,000 for book purchases only.

FRA - Programs are going well: Meet Molly Brown, Titanic, Trash n Treasures, Retiles Inc, Spring Fling with Sappy the Clown and "Moo to You Petting Zoo." We received a book through delivery that had a foot print on it and sent a picture to ProMed.

HPW – Distributed Newsletter. Green week is at the end of April and Al Gore's "Inconvenient Truth Presentation" will be shown. Our Green award is going to be displayed outside by the entrance.

LEN – Business as usual. Attended City Council Meeting and was finally on the agenda. The library received nice comments by a community member.

LWM – Absent.

MPL – Where did the new pictures in the SLC conference room come from? Mark Wollenweber, St. Clair Shores, donated the pictures.

MCL- The Literacy Coordinator interviews are complete and we are ready to make an offer. The MLP silent auction raised \$17,000.

MTC – For the last 15 years, AARP has co-sponsored completing tax forms for the community. During Black History month in February, Robert Jones from WDET radio came out and had 150 attendees. Hosting our 3rd annual book fair.

RAY – Still cataloging, but we are getting closer to the end.

ROG – Newsletter distributed. Card with dates. Closing at 5 pm next Thursday.

RSV - Newsletter distributed. Fundraising for endowment fund is next month and we will tie it into the City of Roseville celebrating their 50th anniversary.

SCS – We hope to have our café open soon. The Cultural Committee is hosting a glass blowing in April and then a fox Theater tour in May.

SBL - The Township will be opening a search for a new director in April and for a part time Circ person. Thursday's in Concert continues and is bigger than ever. Next week is our annual Kids Tea Party.

SHL – Newsletter distributed. Video game collection has increased and games can be signed out for one week. Starting gaming programs, Teen CD/DVD swap meets, have a yoga program and held a DTV informational program that went well. One of SHL staff members, Janet Settimo, writes poetry and two of her poems are in "America at War."

TPL – Looking for a full-time Circulation Supervisor. The next DSLRT meeting is March 14 at 10 am in Madison Heights and the topic is Social Networking. MLA Award nominations need to be submitted by March 28th and send the completed packets to Cathy Russ. Needs assessment is complete and the recommendation is that we need an 116,000 square foot building.

UPL- Book sale went well in February. The Ice Festival was canceled, but we still sold books in a bag for \$5.00 and had overwhelming attendance. Construction on Auburn Road and the bridge will start on June 1st leaving only one lane open to get to the library.

WPL- Lots of programming including origami and yoga on Saturdays.

VII. Public Participation.

No public participation.

VIII. Next meeting date.

The next meeting will be April 10, 2008 at the Roseville Public Library at 9:30 a.m.

IX. Chambers moved to adjourn at 11:35 a.m., supported by Orlando. Motion carried.