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COUNCIL MINUTES
Suburban Library Cooperative
July 14, 2007

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. at the Suburban Library Cooperative.

Present: Smith (Armada), Lusardi (Chesterfield), Neal (Clinton-Macomb), Schmidli (Fraser), Parus (Harper Woods), Hoffmeyer (Lenox), Reghi (Lois Wagner), Labelle (Macomb), Turgeon (Sterling Heights), Orlando (St. Clair Shores), Chambers (Shelby), Russ (Troy), Doege (Utica), Henderstein (Warren), Valyi-Hax (SLC)

Absent: Cross (Center Line), Sterling (Eastpointe), Thomas (MacDonald), Worrell (Mount Clemens), Graham (Ray), (Romeo), Valade (Roseville)

II. Approval of the Agenda.

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

III. Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting.

Neal moved to change MLA Public Policy Item V. A. to "may" affect tax levies and change CMM – Bomb threat was a hoax.

Russ (Troy) and Urban (Warren) were present at the June Council Meeting.

Chambers made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the last meeting, supported by Smith. Motion carried.

IV. Suburban Library Cooperative Business.

A. Automation

New Director Station Server was received, but the power cord is configured for a 20 amp circuit and the Computer Room does not have a 20 amp outlet.

B. Ancestry Plus

Ancestry Library Addition was not picked up by MeL and will expire in the fall. The subscription for databases normally is from September-October, but we need to sign up in July for a better rate and to resume the service. The price is based on population. Mt. Clemens is already signed up and has received a discounted price. ARM, FRA, HPW, LWM, MCL, SBL, SCS, TPL & WPL are interested in keeping the Ancestry Plus database.

C. Council Bylaws Changes

The Bylaws & Cooperative Plan Committee met, but did not have a quorum. The following changes were agreed upon by those in attendance:

Article V. Section 2 change the title of secretary to Administrative Assistant

Article VI. Sections 1 add: "The chairperson, with Council approval, may cancel a meeting."

Article VIII. B Section 2 add: "Ray Township Public Library"

Motion made by Chambers to approve the Council Bylaw Changes, seconded by Doege. Motion carried.

D. Suburban Library Cooperative Plan of Service Changes

The SLC Plan of Service needs to be approved by member library Boards and the Library of MI. The following items were changed:

Article VI. A. Section 2 add: "Ray Township Public Library"

Article VI. C Section 2 (d) Strike the entire line; no annual meeting needed with MCL Board.

Article VI. C Section 2 points to be re-lettered.

The next SLC Board Meeting is in September, but a special meeting may be called in July or August. If so, the SLC Plan of Service will be on the agenda.

Motion made by Turgeon to approve the Suburban Library Cooperative Plan of Service Changes, seconded by Russ. Motion carried.

E. Board of Trustees Bylaw Changes

The Bylaw & Cooperative Plan Committee is recommending the following changes for the Boards approval:

Article V. Section 1 Strike Annual Meeting.

Article V. Section 2 Strike the word usually. New sentence reads: Regular meetings will be held every month.

Also add: The Chairperson, with prior Board approval, may cancel a meeting.

Article V. Section 4 add: shall be sent to SLC Board and Council

Article VIII. Section 3 change spelling of chair-person to Chairperson

F. Shared Technology Committee Findings

Conference call held with Anne M. Seurnyck (Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith) during the Shared Technology Committee meeting on July 11th. Anne sent a draft agreement and some of the discussion was: who will be part of the agreement, who will be contracted, set up a nine member board that would rotate by class size and create a Rules Committee (Urban Cooperation Act) so everyone can have input. Also, under the Urban Cooperation Act (1968) SLC can either transfer staff directly or lease the employees to the Automation System.

G. State of Cooperatives Letter from Lakeland Library Cooperative

TLN members that are non-shared system libraries sent a letter to Nancy Robertson. In response to the TLN letter, Lakeland Library Cooperative sent their view on the future of library cooperatives. Should SLC draft a letter, if so, who should it go to? Council agreed to have a small committee write a letter to Nancy Robertson, Gretchen Couraud, MLA Public Policy Committee and other Cooperatives. MCL, HPW and CHE volunteered to help write the letter with Kristen.

Kristen will extend an invitation to Nancy Robertson and Gretchen Couraud to attend the Council Meeting in August.

V. Announcements and Information.

Comment [s1]:

A. MLA Public Policy.

Midge Lusardi is on the MLA Public Policy Committee and Larry Neal is on the MLA Restructuring Committee. Neal is going the Director's Summit; would anyone like to car pool?

B. Mailing labels from Sirsi User Records.

Kristen has been working on a special project to retrieve address labels based on user records. Before using the labels, Council Members recommended that Kristen talk to Anne M. Seurnyck about laws regarding Advocacy.

C. Gale Virtual Reference Library

The Gale Virtual Reference Library does have an annual hosting fee of \$1,800. SLC ordered 26 titles with 20 titles available in the IBistro catalog now and 6 are coming. There are password issues for home usage; Kristen is working on this. Kristen will send URL's out to member libraries. The new databases would be a great topic for a press release.

D. Macy's Museum Adventure Pass

The Macy's Museum Adventure Pass is a program to encourage both library and museum use. Participating museums are giving blocks of free passes to libraries. The process is: a patron checks out a museum pass and receives a ticket for admittance of up to 4 people and is good for one week. The pass is put on hold for one week and then put in circulation again. The program will start in October with most of SE Michigan participating.

VI. Member libraries' announcements/concerns.

Everyone's Reading Committee letter from Metro Net was read. The letter stated that only MetroNet libraries can host authors, each MetroNet Library holds 1 seat and has 1 vote on the committee, while non-MetroNet libraries are invited to attend meetings. Turgeon recommended that SLC go back to One Book One Community so that SLC can pick a local author, like Steve Hamilton. The Council agreed to not participate with MetroNet and to go back to OBOC Program. Local Rotaries are a great source to seek funding for a community reading program. The OBOC program could also be a good opportunity to work with the Macomb Cultural Center. Kristen will add the Director's on the OBOC email list.

ARM – Summer Reading is going great with 27 attending a Sheriff Program and we are in our first year of our Teen Program.

CLL - Absent.

CHE – Dedicated our Children's Center. The president of Burtek Inc., Bruce Burton, attended the dedication. Our CSI programs are so popular that we have had to schedule second programs.

CMPL- Summer Reading Program includes a Clue Game. The Friends of the Library underwrote a Wii Prize for both kids and teens to win. Strategic Planning Process is underway. Currently having one-on-one interviews with community leaders.

EPL- Absent.

FRA - Story time is increasing. ILL has exploded which has increased work loads. Restricting our programs to residents only. 17 computers were installed and went well. The library was broken into, but nothing was stolen. We have been ordering books from Borders and receiving a 25% discount over \$1,000.

HPW –Summer Reading Program going well. Paper work is being completed to have our Green Building Certification by the fall.

LEN –Summer Reading Program and purchased an outside drop box.

LWM –Summer Reading Program and getting the library painted in August.

MPL – Absent.

MCL – Summer Reading Program is going well. Every Tuesday is a children's program and have had live animals like kangaroos, anteaters and bomb sniffing dogs. Hosting another eBay program and will be addressing shipping questions in partnership with the USPS. An exhibit from the Great Michigan Read is available and we should consider partnering with the Macomb Cultural Center. Parking lot sales are going well. Roscoe will be there to entertain and Starbucks will serve free coffee.

MTC – Absent.

RAY – Absent

ROG – Absent.

RSV – Absent.

SCS – Two positions; a full-time Librarian II (nights & weekends) and a Librarian Aide 1 are listed on the SLC website and the St. Clair Shores City website. All applications need to go through the city. 864 children and 120 adults signed up for our Summer Reading Club.

SBL- Performing dogs were a part of our Summer Reading Program. Re-cabling the library is on the Board agenda this month.

SHL –Harry Potter Party for Grown-Ups on Thursday, July 12 at 7 p.m. and the City Manager was invited. Dealt with a patron issue for the first time.

TPL – Putting finishing touches on our RFP for needs assessment/feasibility study for the library. Summer Reading Program is up to 1600 children, 150 adults and 75 young adults.

UPL – Summer Reading is going crazy. Reached out to the community for items and have received monetary funds and items like tango lessons from the Argentine Tango.

WPL – Summer Reading Program is going well. The Ann Arbor Hands on Museum is coming out on Friday the 13th for a Crime Lab Program. Received a grant from AT&T and we will be giving free computer classes in the fall at WCV & WMB.

VII. Public Participation.

No public participation.

VIII. Next meeting date.

The next meeting will be August 9, 2007 at the Romeo District Library - Graubner at 9:30 a.m.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.