

SUBURBAN LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
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COUNCIL MINUTES

Suburban Library Cooperative
October 11, 2007

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

Present: Smith (Armada), Lusardi (Chesterfield), Sterling (Eastpointe), Schmidli (Fraser), Parus (Harper Woods), Hoffmeyer (Lenox), Reghi (Lois Wagner), Goike (MacDonald), Labelle (Macomb), Worrell (Mount Clemens), Harper (Romeo), Valade (Roseville), Turgeon (Sterling Heights), Orlando (St. Clair Shores), Chambers (Shelby), Doege (Utica), Henderstein (Warren), Woodford (SLC)

Absent: Cross (Center Line), Neal (Clinton-Macomb), Graham (Ray)

II. Approval of the Agenda.

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

III. Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting.

Under VI. SHL – change Summer Reading Program to September library card sign-up month.

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

IV. Suburban Library Cooperative Business.

A. Automation

MeLCat directions were sent out via email to Directors & System Managers. MeLCat may be ready at the end of the month, but a date has not been given. NCIP is still not available, so we will still have to do double check in & out. Turgeon is attending the MeLCat Cataloging Committee on Friday, Oct 12. Turgeon will find out if the end of October is a possible startup date and ask if MeLCat can activate us now to help patrons get into databases.

SLC is looking at pricing to purchase large quantities of white Tyvek envelopes for MeLCat.

B. Cooperative Plan of Services

The Cooperative Plan of Services needs the majority of approval from our member library Boards. SLC will email the directors a request to take the Cooperative Plan of Services to your Library Board or Library Advisory Board meeting for approval. It is okay if your Board meets in November and unapproved minutes are sufficient to submit.

C. ProMed Delivery

The ProMed Delivery meeting went very well and we are in the process of putting together a Delivery Committee to meet on October 25th. The Committee will not cover problems, but will focus on procedures so all the libraries are sending out materials in the same manner. The members are Debbie L. (MTC), Ronna G. (HPW), Linda H. (TPL), Lynn M. (CHE), Gloria P. (SHL), Kim S. (SLC), Chris F. (SLC), AMW (SLC).

ProMed is under review by SLC for 60-90 days and will meet with SLC again to evaluate their services. SLC needs to be prepared if ProMed decides to drop SLC due to our large volume and special needs. TLN has approached SLC to use the TLN delivery system.

D. Committee Meeting Schedule for 2007/2008

Motion made by Chambers to move forward with the Committee Meeting Schedule for 2007/2008, seconded by Turgeon. Motion carried.

V. Announcements and Information.

A. Future of Cooperatives

Neal will be attending a second meeting to discuss the Future of Cooperatives.

TLN, Superior, Lakeland & SLC have shared automation systems and are considering spinning off from their Cooperative to create independent shared automation systems.

Fraser Public Library has a small staff and Inter Library Loan holds are over whelming. Can a Library withdraw from MeLCat? All libraries signed the MeLCat agreement and, right now, the only way to withdraw is to withdraw from SLC. Turgeon is attending a MeLCat meeting on Friday the 12th and will ask the Committee about withdraw options if a library can no longer afford MeLCat or can't fulfill holds.

The internal delivery system is a service that patrons rely on. If state aid is cut, do we reduce the number of days of delivery?

B. MLA Public Policy

Neil Kuhnmuench and Erik Hingst, our new lobbyists, are attending MLA Public Policy meetings and along with Gretchen Krug's political savvy, Lusardi believes we are being well represented.

The state budget as it is currently before the conference committee retains the 50% cut in state aid to libraries as passed by the Senate. Our task remains to utilize every available option to attempt to retain the language approved by the House Committee on Appropriations which fully restored state aid to libraries.

Bills Tracking:

Senate Bill 47 – passed Senate, referred to the House Committee - retaining opt-out language for libraries.

Senate Bill 69 – Neighborhood Improvement Authority – passed by legislature – signed by Governor - retains the opt-out language for libraries.

Senate Bill 536 – Brownfield Authority – establishing specified opt-out language for libraries.

House bill 4421 – District library bonding strategy (when taxes are collected) – passed House – referred to Senate Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform.

House Bill 4537 - Car seat safety fund – passed House – referred to Senate Committee, Transportation.

House Bill 4715 – MLA has not found grounds to allow Wayne County to establish a limitation on fines and their position remains opposed to the legislation in its current form.

Turgeon and Neal are attending Legislative Day on November 6th and will need to schedule times with legislators.

C. Macy's Museum Adventure Pass (MAP)

Libraries received two set of patron passes; one is for the display rack and the other is a replacement set. Display racks are scheduled to arrive the week of October 22nd and take an hour to assemble. Brochures, bookmarks, admission slips and posters are arriving to SLC on October 16th. Paquette to email directors the MAP logos and press release kit.

D. Arthur Live.

The Arthur Live Reading Program is underway. Flyers were sent out through delivery. Each main library will pick a winner on January 2nd, send the winners name and address to Darlene Paquette and she will forward the information to the Cultural Center so the can send out the tickets.

VI. Member libraries' announcements/concerns.

Thank you to Julian Morian, Clinton Macomb Public Library for her taking on the SLC online database project in such a detailed and organized manner.

Wayne State Library School information night on November 1st from 4:00-5:00 pm at Sterling Heights Public Library.

ARM – Carnegie building renovation complete. Teen Book discussion on Monday night and a genealogy group of teens.

CLL - Absent

CHE – Chesterfield Township Meeting is scheduled for October 15th at 7:00 pm. Target Grant received to purchase a Rembrandt Art Series. The Sycamore Wine Club is holding a Fine Wine & Dining event in Anchor Bay on October 27th.

CMPL- Absent.

EPL - No Report.

FRA - Starting to get ready for our 3 days of Christmas celebration at the end of November.

HPW – Received a silver award for our Green Building. Having a Green Building offers long term savings. Our building is 30% larger with no increase in utilities. Working on completing the QSAC Program and received a Target Grant.

LEN – No Report.

LWM – No Report.

MPL – Received a Target Grant of \$1,000 and the BAT ZONE at Cranbrook Science Center brought in live bats. Started a gaming night for teens and having a “Know Thy Duct Tape” contest where teens make something out of duct tape.

MCL – Bowling for Books fundraiser for our Endowment fund is November 16th. Upcoming programs: Tracing your Polish Ancestors Oct. 18th, eBay Presentation Oct. 19th from 10-12 & 1-3, Travel Bargains on the Internet Oct. 25, Investor Education Nov. 15th. Our Friends group has joined Amazon.com Associates Program and will receive a percentage on books sold. The garden walls surrounding the library are removed, the drainage is being corrected and the walls are being replaced.

MTC – Remembering Sherwin Wine tribute was well attended. Reference Librarian, Karen White-Owens, wrote her sixth published novel.

RAY – Absent.

ROG – Received a Target Grant. Celtic music night was a success. Kezar usage is up 5%. A consultant is coming in to review PR & Marketing.

RSV – Schatz pie fundraiser ends November 2 and pie delivery is November 16-17. Because Macomb Community College refers students to the library and we do proctoring for them, we received a \$2000 grant.

SCS – Received a Target grant of \$2500t and \$5000 from a Dick Johnson grant to be used for Collection & Development which is 3 tiered: Story time, books for Teens and Parent/Child Book Club.

SBL - Working on a new Passport Program. Mr. Woodford is presenting October 13th at 10:30 am.

SHL – Newsletter distributed. Our Passport Fair had good press and 458 passports were completed. Another Passport Fair is scheduled in January. 80 people attended our Michigan Foreclosure Program. Does anyone have meeting/study room policies?

TPL – Working with movie theaters since August to schedule a Kite Runner book discussion/movie event, but theaters do not know when or if they are getting the movie in and cannot guarantee a day or time. We may have to wait for a “blockbuster” movie. The Cultural Center could be a good source to set up a book/movie event. The next DSLRT is at the Warren Public Library on November 16th and the topic is “When media knocks at your door.” Needs assessment study was from Sept 1st – Oct 3rd. Friends group donated \$5,000 for a “Special Needs Collection” that is primarily for kids, but adults too and 165 people attended our Grand Opening last Thursday. TPL is the 1st librarian in Michigan to have a Special Needs Collection and the collections are hold items.

UPL – No Report.

WPL – Received a Target Grant. Recently had a successful Pizza Making Program and used bagels, muffins and cookies for the dough. Upcoming programs: Chocolate Making, Movie Nights and holding a Poetry Reading & Book Signing event. Patrons can now access MCL downloadable books.

VII. Public Participation.

No public participation.

VIII. Next meeting date.

The next meeting will be November 15th, 2007 at the Roseville Public Library at 9:30 a.m.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.