

SUBURBAN LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
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COUNCIL MINUTES

Clinton-Macomb Public Library
November 13, 2003

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library.

Present: Smith (Armada), Lusardi (Chesterfield), Hage (Clinton-Macomb), Suess (Fraser), Parus (Harper Woods), Reghi (Lois Wagner), Thomas (MacDonald), LaBelle (Macomb), Kruse (Romeo), Orlando (St. Clair Shores), Chambers (Shelby), Lingeman (Sterling Heights), Horn (Troy), Henderstein (Warren), Turgeon (SLC).

Absent: Russ (Center Line), Conte (Eastpointe), Johnson (Lenox), Worrell (Mount Clemens), Valade (Roseville), Doege (Utica),

II. Approval of the Agenda.

Suess moved to approve the Agenda, supported by Hage. Motion carried.

III. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting.

Chambers moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, supported by Parus. Motion carried.

IV. Suburban Library Cooperative Business.

A. Automation.

Release 2003 was installed last month. Installation went well. Staff is working through many of the bugs that libraries reported. Library staff should contact SLC staff if they find other problems. System managers will meet on Nov. 18th.

A new functionality that allows long overdue items to be automatically converted to lost is available with Release 2003. SLC staff will work on setting this up for each library.

Some patrons are not happy with the size of the font on the new iBistro. The Opera browser has some features for low vision patrons that may be helpful.

SLC has a new Sirsi inside salesperson. Tammy will get an updated quote for the Envisionware software for Internet use and printing.

SpamLion is still not being heavily used. The Internet Committee met and discussed how to increase usage and get more people trained. They decided to resurrect the "Internet Coordinators" contacts at each library. Each library should send the name of a person to Chris by Dec. 1st. This person will be responsible for training/instructing their library's staff members on the use of email and encouraging the use of SpamLion. Chris will teach these individuals how to use SpamLion and provide them with documentation.

SLC will add an additional T1 line to increase the bandwidth of the Internet connection. This will help speed up access to the catalog for staff and patrons.

B. SLC Council Bylaws.

The Bylaws Committee reviewed the SLC Council Bylaws and recommends changes to Article VIII. Committees.

Hage moved to accept the changes to the SLC Council Bylaws and recommend them to the Board, supported by Suess. Motion carried.

C. 2004 Meeting Dates.

Calendar of Council meeting dates was set for 2004. (List attached.)

V. Announcements and Information.

A. MLA Public Policy.

Legislative Update was distributed.

Hage reported that her library is an institutional member and she is not receiving notification when the Legislative Update is available.

A conference call between Christie Brandau and Cooperative Directors will be held at 10:00 a.m. this morning to discuss State Aid. Turgeon will get a report on the call and email it to directors.

One Book, One Community.

Report from this year's project was distributed. Directors reported that patrons seemed to enjoy the concept, but programs were not well attended. It was not worth staff time to offer programs that were so poorly attended. It was suggested that the committee try to select a book that appealed to both men and women.

VI. Member libraries' announcements/concerns.

SBL- Roy, a 40lb. turkey, will visit the library on Nov. 15th.
Multicultural programs will be held each day next week in celebration of National Children's Book Week.
Nutritional programs have been very well attended.

SCS- Received a \$2,000 grant from the Detroit Book & Author Society.
Romeo patron owes a large fine on items borrowed from St. Clair Shores Library. He is refusing to pay the fine because St. Clair Shores' fines are not the same as Romeo Library's fines. Does anyone know of documentation that would address this problem? (Fines are determined by the local library board. Some libraries give patrons a list of fines and state that fines may vary at other libraries.)

CHE- 40lb. turkey visited the library. Very successful program.
Pet food store moved in next to the library. Noise is very disturbing.
Article appeared in the local newspaper about the strategic plan of the library.

MPL- Approximately 15 teens attended a chess program. Another chess program is scheduled for Dec. 2nd.
Food-For-Fines collection drive will be held next week.
Several programs will be held in celebration of National Children's Book Week. Magician Jason Hudy will entertain on Nov. 17th. Cookies and Milk Night will be on Nov. 19th. Illustrator Linda Snavelly will do a hands-on program on Nov. 22nd.

TPL- Bloomfield Hills no longer has a contract with Bloomfield Township for library service. Bloomfield Hills has told their residents to purchase a non-resident card at Troy (or another SLC library) and Bloomfield Hills will reimburse them for the cost of the card.

ROG- Pet parade was attended by 150 people. Thirty-five pets took part.
Lumberjack program will be held during National Children's Book Week.
Hired three new librarians.
Still in arbitration with the architect.

HPW- Bond issue passed.

FRA- Finishing patio project. Grand opening is planned for next Spring.

Thank you to Clinton-Macomb for hosting the Council meeting.

CMM- Hired four full-time librarians, three part-time librarians, and ten substitutes.
Since the opening on Oct. 26th, 3,881 new library cards have been issued, 600 of which are guest cards.
Over 3,000 people attend the grand opening on Oct. 26th.

MCL- Renovating the children's room with new shelving and new furniture.
Great Lakes Crafts donated a Thomas the Train table and accessories. Children love it.
Approximately \$500 has been donated to the Literacy Program.
Delivery route has been changed. If there are any problems with the new route schedule, contact MCL.

VII. Public Participation.

No public participation.

VIII. Next meeting date.

The next meeting will be December 11, 2003 at the Macomb County Library.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.