

SUBURBAN LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
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COUNCIL MINUTES

Lois Wagner Memorial Library
December 14, 2006

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. at the Lois Wagner Memorial Library.

Present: Smith (Armada), Lusardi (Chesterfield), Neal (Clinton-Macomb), Sterling (Eastpointe), Schmidli (Fraser), Parus (Harper Woods), Hoffmeyer (Lenox), Reghi (Lois Wagner), LaBelle (Macomb), Thomas (MacDonald), Worrell (Mount Clemens), Harrison (Romeo), Valade (Roseville), Orlando (St. Clair Shores), Chambers (Shelby), Lingeman (Sterling Heights), Stoutenburg (Troy), Doege (Utica), Urban (Warren), Turgeon (SLC)

Absent: Cross (Center Line),

II. Approval of the Agenda.

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

III. Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting.

Parus moved to approve Minutes of the last meeting, supported by Lingeman. Motion carried.

IV. Suburban Library Cooperative Business.

A. Automation

Strategic Planning for Technology report draft was reviewed with Joe Ford. His initial recommendations are to keep the Sirsi Unicorn product and spend our time and money on improving it. Other recommendations include a federated searching product, improvements in printing for delivery, and e-commerce.

MiLE has disbanded. We will be getting a portion of the fund balance.

Delivery meet and greets should occur next week. The driver will contact you regarding a date and time.

We are planning our move Dec 28th for desks and Dec 29th for everything else. We will send out our new phone number and fax next week after phone lines are installed. No downtime for servers. They will be moved after 6 pm on Jan. 5th and up that evening.

Please turn in MeLCat applications.

WCV is installed and configured.

V. Announcements and Information.

A. MLA Public Policy.

No Report.

B. Update on Ray Township Library.

Turgeon met with the Ray Township supervisor and the library staff. The township will form an interim board this month. That board will serve until the next regular township election (Nov. 2008). The board will then send a letter to the Library of Michigan to recognize them as an officially established library and then they will request membership in SLC. They hope to have the request to SLC Board for the January meeting. Then Ray Township Library Board will have to sign a contract to join the shared system. SLC will do training, order barcodes, library cards, etc. If all goes well, they should be in the system in March.

C. White Paper: Library Cooperative Service in Southeast Michigan.

After a long discussion, it was decided that the Council of Directors will create a letter for the SLC Board explaining their recommendation to not merge with The Library Network. See attached sheet.

VI. Member libraries' announcements/concerns.

Thanks to the Lois Wagner Memorial Library for hosting the meeting.
Delivery label bins are in progress and will be delivered the week after Christmas.

ARM – No Report

CLL - Absent.

CHE – 10th annual stories with Santa. Recently, submitted our application to the Dept. of Education asking them to be a sponsor so that we could ask the LRA to include the library in their plans for Seville Manor. Paulette Moran is becoming a Full-time Librarian in February. W.S.U. will be sending a practicum student to complete 90 hours.

CMPL- Tracking our “No” list for the last few months and will be reviewing responses to change the “No” to a Yes. Working on our 5-year plan. Changing patron access management system as it just hasn't worked as it should. We looked at several options, but are going with CMS and will reduce our annual maintenance fee to \$4,500 annually. Starting a circulating video collection and will buy used games. Staff Orientation Committee came up with new ideas, for instance, all the acronyms that we use for all the library names. Larry Neal is a Library Journal 2007 Mover and Shaker.

EPL- In the spring, the city is tearing down the old City Hall and the plans for the new building are very nice. Architect is coming out to design new windows.

FRA - Held our 3 days of Christmas from Thursday-Saturday and raised over \$4000. Some of the events were: face painting, ice carvings, animals including a baby camel, silent auction, book sale, bake sale and free coffee from Star Bucks. Teen & Adult Book Club is going well. Quilt Program with the women of G Spin.

HPW – A variety of nice programs are going on. Our Friends Group has done a jeopardy program and is working on a senior and outreach program. Monday, Dec 18th we are holding a small silent auction. Red Cross Blood Drive is on Dec 21st. It has been one year since we reopened to the public in the renovated building.

LEN – No Report

LWM – Santa Claus is visiting tonight and the kids can do a greeting card craft. Cookie Sale was Saturday and we made over \$1,000.

MPL – Drumminity Program was Dec 8th. Everyone was able to play an instrument. Computers 101 will be held on three Fridays in December starting on the 12th. Teen Programs are picking up.

MCL – The Black Belt Librarian program set up by the Suburban Library Cooperative was an excellent program. The Macomb County Library is a government depository and we will start inter loaning government documents.

MTC - No Report.

ROG – Local ballet studio performed in our lobby and performed an excerpt from the Nutcracker. Fifty people attended. 100 people attended our Romeo Jazz Band program.

RSV – Absent.

SCS – The Optimist Club organized a program with Santa and a train ride in our museum. 947 children attended. For Valentines day, Margaret Hume is doing an Adult and Child Tea Ettiquite on a Sunday afternoon.

SBL- We have a Christmas Tree in our Atrium and for the last six years, we have had a local artist design an one of a kind ornament. Dec 8th was our Trim our Library Tree Ceremony. Our local Kiwanis group organizes the Letter to Santa program. Penchanski Whistler has created a wonderful plan for our library and will present a final report to our Board on January 16th.

SHL – No Report.

TPL – No Report.

UPL – The city is looking to use the Giving Room as the new Council chambers. Held our second Bake/Book sale on Dec 9th that was very successful.

WPL – Everything is in place for the Civic Center. Grand Opening was Dec. 9th and an estimated 5,000 people attended. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in Hummers. Two Detroit Tiger pitchers signed autographs. Skating Rink is open. No phone or fax service, but can reach the staff through the City Hall. Anticipated opening is January 3rd.

VII. Public Participation.

No public participation.

VIII. Next meeting date.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2007, at the Macomb County Library.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.