

**SUBURBAN LIBRARY COOPERATIVE**  
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**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Clinton-Macomb Public Library**

**February 9, 2006**

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library.

Present: Smith (Armada), Lusardi (Chesterfield), Neal (Clinton-Macomb), Parus (Harper Woods), Hoffmeyer (Lenox), Thomas (MacDonald), Labelle (Macomb), Worrell (Mount Clemens), Taskin (Romeo), Valade (Roseville), Orlando (St. Clair Shores), Chambers (Shelby), Lasky (Sterling Heights), Stoutenburg (Troy), Henderstein (Warren), Turgeon (SLC)

Absent: Cross (Center Line), Sterling (Eastpointe), Schmidli (Fraser), Reghi (Lois Wagner), Doege (Utica),

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.

Lasky made a motion to change name to Lingeman in Item VI. SHL and Henderstein made a motion to change the vendor name in Item VI. WPL to Copy Technology.

Chambers moved to approve the Amended Minutes of the last meeting, supported by Labelle. Motion carried.

IV. Suburban Library Cooperative Business.

A. Guest: Linda Wells – Macomb Community College, VP Student & Community Relations

A handout entitled “Macomb Community Cultural Center” and a map of the Center Campus were distributed. Linda Wells discussed the three prong mission: Education, Enrichment, and Economic Development. The New Cultural Center will be opening in September and will provide opportunities for programming collaboration. The Science Anchor events are outlined and the discussions lead to incorporating smaller sections of an exhibit or program into libraries. The thoughts are to encourage patrons to attend the program at the library and then attend the larger exhibits in the Center.

The Author Luncheon series or Author events were discussed and are being reconsidered, if there is an interest among the member libraries. Worrell is interested in heading the Author events. The facility has a large conference room that can accommodate large events and can be divided into smaller rooms. Another idea is organizing a Book Fair with a featured Author and include a booth to distribute library information.

B. Automation

The MiLE website is up and everything is working, except the most important piece. When someone places a request, the URSA Software cannot find the catalog that it needs. Ultimately, we should have been put back on the old software, but were told that the fix should only take 3 weeks and we are now over 3 months. SLC has not paid for MiLE services this year. OCLC usage has increased, but costs have not increased, as each year is prorated from the prior year. Next year, our subscription pricing will increase due to our higher usage. Questions of recovering the cost of the increased OCLC usage and other expenses incurred during this downtime were briefly discussed and Turgeon will bring them to the next MiLE Board meeting.

The Suburban Library Cooperative has retained the services of Foster, Swift, Collins and Smith and a lawyer will attend the next Table Talk session on March 28<sup>th</sup>. All Directors are welcome.

Libcoop.net is being black listed by SpamCop as a spamming address. SLC has called SpamCop numerous times to get our IP address on their legitimate list, but we keep being sent back to the black list. SLC is trying to find solutions to this issue.

SLC is providing three patron card designs to choose from plain books, book with keyboard and the prism design. The vendor will be sending a final proof next week.

Some libraries have Comcast issues and we are following our escalation process to get us results.

Linda Horn, from Troy Public Library, has agreed to head the Circulation Roundtable meetings. The first meeting is February 21<sup>st</sup> at Troy.

If your library uses the Evanced calendaring system, feel free to contact support as SLC is paying for support services. Go to [www.evanced-solutions.com](http://www.evanced-solutions.com) and then to the contact page.

V. Announcements and Information.

A. Macomb Literacy Partners Auction.

The MLP Silent Live Auction Benefit is on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and is being held at Barrister Gardens, 24225 Harper, St. Clair Shores. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The \$25.00 ticket can be purchased by calling MLP at 586-286-2750. Checks, credit cards and cash are accepted. Posters are to be distributed via delivery. The Shorewood Kiwanis is working with the Friends of MLP.

B. MLA Public Policy.

Eileen Palmer's ALA 2006 Midwinter Conference Report was distributed.

The Appropriation Committee for HAL was supposed to give testimony yesterday at the House regarding the value of State Aid and revenue for libraries and the Library of Michigan. Gretchen is trying to get more library people into these meetings to show support for libraries and coops. Gretchen has offered to come to a Council Meeting in the next few months.

MLA Conference is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> at the Detroit Marriot in the Renaissance Center. The UnShelved Comic Strip will be a keynote speaker on Friday and you may have seen a call for presentations to attract different outside groups.

VI. Member libraries' announcements/concerns.

The Everyone's Reading kick-off luncheon scheduled for Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 12 pm at Clinton-Macomb Public Library is cancelled.

The next Table Talk meeting is Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 2 pm, anyone can attend. Topics are: Meeting Room policies and credit cards.

Congratulations to Larry Neal for his new position as Director of Clinton-Macomb Public Library.

Thanks to Clinton-Macomb Public Library for hosting the meeting.

ARM - No Report.

CLL - Absent.

CHE - The Chesterfield Library was featured in the News on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Selfridge Air Force Base housing property, called Seville Manor, may become available to the Township. Members of the community spoke at the Township Board meeting and asked that the library be included in the new site planning.

CMPL- Phone numbers are staying the same, but our email addresses may be changed due to excess Spam mail. A reception is being held on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., to welcome Larry Neal as the new Director. Dr. David Walsh will be speaking on the effects of media on teens on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The URL [www.LibraryCareers.org](http://www.LibraryCareers.org) is live and I hope that libraries will add the link to their websites.

EPL - Absent.

FRA - Absent.

HPW - Friends book sale is February 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.

LEN - No Report.

LWM - Absent.

MPL - Read to me Rosco is scheduled on February 16<sup>th</sup> and our Friends book sale is February 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.

MCL - The County is still working on budget cuts. The next budget meeting is February 15<sup>th</sup>. The Friends “Save the Library” campaign has become very controversial as they were accused of misusing library funds to produce campaign materials. The Friends Group has provided accurate records to dismiss this allegation and is waiting for a retraction from the Macomb Daily. A few commissioners have been angry over the numerous phone calls that resulted from the campaign. We are in the interviewing process for an IT Division Head position and have a prospective candidate.

MTC - We are in our 12<sup>th</sup> year of our Tax Assistance program. The program is held on Tuesdays and Thursday and starts at 9 a.m., but the line to attend starts at 6:30 a.m. Our Book Fair is being held on Saturday and Frankie Darcell is the keynote speaker. Debbie Larsen’s book on Selfridge Air Force Base is coming in July.

ROG -We have added a self check, but are still working out final details. “Reducing Your Home Energy Costs” and “Home Staging” Programs are scheduled in February.

RSV - Our Friends are hosting a motivational speaker, Sylvia Rubach. The Friends Book Fair sale is February 11<sup>th</sup>, Rosco the Clown is scheduled on February 16<sup>th</sup> and a Teen Clue Hunt is February 17<sup>th</sup>.

SCS - Envisionware card filtering by age works if there is only one rule. Chris Frezza is working with Envisionware development staff to add a multiple rule fix. An “Evening in the Arctic” with Author/Adventurer, Pam Flowers, is being held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Teen Murder Mystery night was a success and had 50 teens attend.

SBL- Harpist, Anita Sanders, will play at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Concert Series on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The library will close this month due to re-carpeting. The dates are posted on the February calendar.

SHL - The Friends Group donated money for artwork on one of the alcoves in the lobby. Douglas Chick and Lisa Berman were selected as the artists.

TPL - No Report.

UPL - Absent.

WPL - We had a Princess dress up party that went over very well. A Living Will Program is scheduled on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Budget hearings are ongoing. Furniture and shelving bid package went out and should be returned by March 8<sup>th</sup>. The City Hall building is due to be open in October or November and the library building is due to open in December. We are getting two self check machines, but do not have RFD, so we will need to secure our AV materials.

#### VII. Public Participation.

No public participation.

#### VIII. Next meeting date.

The next meeting will be March 9, at Sterling Heights Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.