

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

**MacDonald Public Library**  
**June 8, 2006**

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

Present: Smith (Armada), Schmidli (Fraser), Parus (Harper Woods), Hoffmeyer (Lenox), Reghi (Lois Wagner), Thomas (MacDonald), LaBelle (Macomb), Taskin (Romeo), Valade (Roseville), Chambers (Shelby), Orlando (St. Clair Shores), Lingeman (Sterling Heights), Doege (Utica), Henderstein (Warren), Turgeon (SLC)

Absent: Cross (Center Line), Lusardi (Chesterfield), Neal (Clinton-Macomb), Sterling (Eastpointe), Worrell (Mount Clemens), Stoutenburg (Troy)

II. Approval of the Agenda.

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

III. Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting.

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

IV. Suburban Library Cooperative Business.

A. Automation

New PCs are being installed; please call Chris to schedule your installation.

The newest Client upgrade is being tested first. SLC is working with Sirsi to prepare instructions that will walk staff through any messages that may appear after the installation. The upgrade is important as it will fix the double check on the holds if the item is scanned twice. The installation is scheduled for the night of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Email notices for patrons are bouncing for no reason. This morning, 180 notices bounced. Sirsi is helping us to resolve this issue. AOL is treating libcoop.net as spam. Please review your bounced email notices to verify that the address is correct.

MiLE is being tested thoroughly. Sirsi is telling us we have a 90% success rate, but we feel the success rate is only 65%. The URSA software does not work with Polaris. The MiLE Board meeting is Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

Turgeon received the MeLCat pre-implementation survey. Currently, the only shared system is the Upper Peninsula, which is also a Sirsi system, and it handles each library as its own entity. The problem with this system is, if a Shelby patron places a hold, it could be filled by Sterling Heights, but sent through MeLCat rather than our shared system. Another option is to have SLC be one library with branches which would force patrons to go through our library catalog to place holds. Turgeon is working with Louise Bugg to research both options. CMM submitted their survey, but is waiting for SLC to join.

B. Strategic Planning for Technology

Two consulting proposals were received; one from Joseph Ford and Associates, Inc. and the other from RMG Consultants, Inc. Turgeon and Eileen Palmer, from TLN, discussed the proposals, in detail, prior to the Council Meeting. Turgeon brought their summation to Council for open discussion.

Motion made by Valade to accept the Strategic Technology Planning Proposal for Consulting Services from Joseph Ford and Associates, Inc., seconded by Orlando. Motion carried.

### C. Centralized Purchasing

New Baltimore has a larger population; therefore, some accounts have decreased slightly to compensate for this increase. Pat Linsday will put this in your accounts and send you a notice next week that will show your total balance.

### V. Announcements and Information.

#### A. MLA Public Policy.

Karoub Associates Legislative update was distributed. Libraries did not receive monies in the supplemental budget bill that reinstates funding in State Aid that was cut last year. SLC will still provide the same service, but if we get another big cut for 2006-2007, some services will need to change. Please talk to your legislator to discuss how State Aid helps your library.

### VI. Member libraries' announcements/concerns.

The Spring Trustees Meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Macomb Community College Center Campus Library was a great meeting. The next trustee meeting is the evening of November 9<sup>th</sup> and Nancy Robertson will be speaking. Nancy Robertson will also be attending our Council meeting in Roseville and may be visiting other libraries.

Table Talks will start again in July with Classes I, II & III, August is Class IV & V, and September for Class VI.

Detroit Public Library is joining the Everyone's Reading Program. The chosen book is a Michigan Notable book called "Arc of Justice" by Kevin Boyle who lives in Columbus, Ohio. U of D has scheduled a play for February at Mary Grove College. Parus suggested that we contact Macomb Community College to discuss some possible events and how to link them to our member libraries.

Delivery RFP will go out before the end of June.

We are working with a Real Estate Broker. Frezza, Chambers and Turgeon will be starting site visits next week. Right now we are in the process of evaluating office space that doesn't need to be renovated versus industrial space that needs to be built up and which scenario is most cost effective.

Thanks to the MacDonald Public Library for hosting the meeting.

ARM – Received our first aid check through the city. The construction is done for our new children's room. The flooring will be in next Friday.

CLL - Absent.

CHE - Absent.

CMPL- Absent.

EPL- Absent.

FRA - Held an Easter egg hunt for teens with over 100 teenagers attending. Our Reptile Program was very successful with 152 in attendance, forcing us to move the program outside. Also, our Collectible Program had 85 attendees. We may have an overage in our budget this year which will enable us to do some major building repairs. Summer Reading Program is starting. Three country artists are coming this summer and our Teen Group will try to do the Battle of the Bands in our City Park. Our Historical Commission is considering constructing a second historical building. We may lease a color copier/printer/scanner that will collate and bind materials. The color cost to print is 9 cents per page. Our capital needs assessment was completed and we will try to do a mini renovation. Does anyone know decorators?

HPW - Michael Shumaker gave an excellent presentation on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 22 people attended. Parus suggested we continue with the Michigan Notable Books Program.

LEN - Started Summer Reading Program.

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MPL - Bay Rama is this month. We received \$1,000 from the Anchor Bay Foundation.

MCL - Michael Shumaker spoke on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Our new electronic sign is up, so we were able to advertise his program and welcome Michael Shumaker. Also, Macomb Literacy Partners is advertising for tutors on the sign and have received some responses. We are going to be receiving materials from the County Law Library and have been shifting the entire library to make room.

MTC - Absent.

ROG - Welcome back Cindy Taskin. Adult and Children's Summer Reading Programs started.

RSV - Holding a used book sale tonight from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Summer Reading Program started.

SCS - The Historical Society's Euchre Tournament, barn fundraiser, is being held on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Our Friends group is hosting a Garden Tea Party on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-4:00 p.m. that will include caricature artist and folk guitarist Andy Stachowiak. To support programming, our Librarians and the Friends Group are soliciting business for donations and receiving items like restaurant gift certificates. Our Summer Reading Kickoff had over 200 children in attendance.

SBL - Summer Reading Program started. We have an RFP before our Planning Consultants and we expect to have a proposal for a new library in November.

SHL - Held our first program for Talk Time @ The Library which is English as a Second Language Conversation Group and had nine different languages represented.

TPL - Absent.

UPL - Utica City Hall's roof collapsed, therefore, everyone is using the library for meetings and our wireless service.

WPL - The Walt Whitman Branch held a Teddy Bear Picnic on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The author, William Christen, a Friend's member, wrote a book called "Pauline Cushman, Spy of the Cumberland." The library held a discussion on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 50 people attended. Our Summer Reading Program is starting with the Dorothy Busch Branch holding Terrific Tuesdays with an animal theme and Arthur Miller Branch is holding Wonderful Wednesdays. We are thinking about starting the Reading for Paws program.

#### VII. Public Participation.

No public participation.

#### VIII. Next meeting date.

No meeting in July.

The next meeting will be August 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Romeo District Library.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.