

SUBURBAN LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
16480 Hall Road
Clinton Township, Michigan 48038
(586) 286-5750

COUNCIL MINUTES

Sterling Heights Public Library

March 9, 2006

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

Present: Smith (Armada), Neal (Clinton-Macomb), Sterling (Eastpointe), Parus (Harper Woods), Hoffmeyer (Lenox), Thomas (MacDonald), Russ (Macomb), Worrell (Mount Clemens), Valade (Roseville), Orlando (St. Clair Shores), Chambers (Shelby), Lingeman (Sterling Heights), Stoutenburg (Troy), Doege (Utica), Henderstein (Warren), Turgeon and Frezza (SLC)

Absent: Cross (Center Line), Lusardi (Chesterfield), Schmidli (Fraser), Reghi (Lois Wagner), Taskin (Romeo)

II. Approval of the Agenda.

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

III. Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting.

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

IV. Suburban Library Cooperative Business.

A. Automation

Turgeon, Kristen Valyi-Hax and Lissa Potter attended the SIRSI conference in Nashville. Kristen was elected as Secretary for the Executive Board of the Unicorn Users Group. Many SIRSI Sessions were available regarding GL3.1, the release for this spring and GL3.2 enhancements for the 2007 spring release.

Darrell, a SIRSI Systems Analyst, will visit next Wednesday through Friday, regarding the slowness certain libraries are experiencing. This drastic slowness is only occurring with the Suburban Library Cooperative. No other sites are having these problems, other than, there is some slowness comparing the Java client and the C client. Darrell will go to the Troy Public Library first, then to Roseville, Whitman, and Macomb County Library.

MiLE is now fixed and your staff will start to see some usage next Wednesday on a few catalogs first, so we can get some activity going. Polaris is almost there and may be ready on Wednesday as well. Tammy will talk to Eileen Palmer next week regarding Polaris availability.

Envisionware was given all of our information regarding the date change for our upgrade, but they dropped the ball and didn't have the software setup before we upgraded. Testing will be done on Harper Woods to make sure the fix worked.

E'vanced Solutions calendaring upgrade coming and libraries can setup a webex session online. The upgrade should take less than an hour and SLC will let you know when the upgrade will occur. Troy Public Library has scheduled a webinar and upgrade, but the upgrade needs to be put on hold until all libraries are trained.

Patron card proofs were sent to the libraries. When all signed proofs are received by the vendor, the order will be run and the delivery date will be mid - April.

SLC schedules programs that run at night to update your virus scans and to run Window utilities and updates. If you turn a PC off at night, that machine will be missing important updates. Therefore, it is best if you keep staff PCs on at night so that all machines will receive the updates. Also, Frezza has found that the wear and tear of turning PCs off every night has shortened the usage time of a PC. Turning printers and monitors off at night would

be more cost effective.

B. Shared Technology Committee Recommendations

The Shared Technology recommendation was distributed. The survey was sent out to review Unicorn and the results will be compiled and discussed at the System Managers meeting on March 14th. We would like Sirsi to then visit the System Managers and Directors to discuss issues. An addition to the committee recommendation is that Sirsi conduct a five-year evaluation of the system. Sirsi would then work with us to see how we are using the software and show us improvements on how we can use the system more efficiently or use it differently to work with our work flows.

Turgeon proposed a question regarding SLC jointly hiring a consultant with TLN to do some strategic planning for all technologies in the future.

Motion made by Lingeman to recommend the Shared Technology Committee Recommendations with the additions as stated, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

V. Announcements and Information.

A. Library Day at Comerica Park.

Posters were distributed. Tickets are \$20.00 each and SLC has chartered a bus for \$16.00 a person. The bus will leave from Macomb County Library and travel to the Detroit Public Library to meet Ernie Harwell before the game starts. Please contact Darlene Paquette to get tickets to sell. The library in each Coop that sells the most tickets may have an opportunity to go out on the field before the game and watch the game in a suite. Details are still being worked out.

B. MLA Public Policy.

National Library Legislative Day 2006 is May 1st in Washington DC; Turgeon is planning on attending.

Thank you to those that contacted their Senators regarding SB491 car seat safety action. In the proposed legislation, libraries will receive 50% and the other 50% will go into the car seat fund. This is still in legislature.

State aid checks were received by libraries that sent their forms in by December. Our checks are in the queue and will be processed soon.

VI. Member libraries' announcements/concerns.

The next Table Talk meeting is Tuesday, March 28th from 12 – 2 pm, anyone can attend. Topic is: "Ask the Lawyer." Submit questions ahead or bring them with you.

Thanks to the Sterling Heights Public Library for hosting the meeting and we are glad that Carol Lingeman is back.

A card and gift will be given to Cindy Taskin in honor of the upcoming arrival of her new little one. Council members enjoyed her cake and Turgeon will take everything to ROG after the meeting.

Notable Books: CMM, Dodge Brothers, Charles Hyde
HPW, Edmund Fitzgerald – Michael Schumaker
MCL, Edmund Fitzgerald – Michael Schumaker
TPL, Booking Passage - Thomas Lynch

ARM – We are moving along with the plans to move the children's section downstairs, hopefully by the last week of April. Our story-time program was in the newspaper and attendance increased.

CLL - Absent.

CHE – Absent.

CMPL- Dr. Walsh, president and founder of the National Institute on Media and the Family based in Minneapolis, MN. is one of the world's leading authorities on parenting, family life and the impact of media on children and teens. He presented a program on practical ways to communicate with adolescents. His website is

MediaWise.org. Nancy Robertson will be attending March 11th to kick off our "One State/One Preschool" event at 1 p.m. with Kelly DePucchio, author of Bed Hogs. Children can also get their picture taken with Prudence the Pig!

EPL – Hours are changing on May 1st to 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Friday & Saturday. The library is wireless now! Our Teen Advisory Group now has 9 kids and they meet every month. Pizza and Pages Book Club for grades 3-6, will read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. Grades 1-3, will read Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey on Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. Other upcoming programs are the Mother/Daughter and Father/Son events.

FRA - Absent.

HPW –Michael Schumaker is scheduled for May 10th.

LEN - To alleviate space in the patron section, a new circulation desk has been ordered and will house both the circulation and reference staff. Our remodeling project for our bathroom is now complete. The third Wednesday of each month, we hold a Craft Program and the February program had 22 children in attendance.

LWM - Absent.

MPL - March is Reading Month. Seven kindergarten tour programs went well. March 7th was the Sow and Read Program and the children made froggy pillows. Michigan Children's Author Kevin Kammerad, coming on March 30th at 5 p.m. to discuss his books - The Tomato Collection; I remember; and A Curious Glimpse of Michigan.

MCL - The County has hired Thomas Ranson as the IT Division Head. The MLA Program Committee is looking for presenters for the 2006 MLA Conference, to be held in Detroit October 10-13. Proposal deadline is April 1. Find the form at: www.mla.lib.mi.us/development/conference/2006/index.htm

MTC - March 28th our Book Brunch will feature a free lecture, "Hamas and Israel," by Sherwin Wine.

ROG – Absent.

RSV – We held our second from last Everyone's Reading program with author Karl Kithier and 20 people attended. Children's youth and study area were recently painted. National Library week is April 2- 9. Our Friends Group will sponsor a Bookmark Contest with a daily book drawing.

SCS – The Detroit Newspaper wrote a feature article for our Genealogy Meeting and now the meeting is full. Pam Flowers is coming on March 21st and author Tim Kiska is coming in April. Does anyone know a good host to run an antique program? Cathy Russ recommended Bluebird Antiques.

SBL- The carpeting went in on time and under budget. We are in preliminary plans for a new library. A percussion group called Golden Rain will play at our Concert Series on March 16th at 7 p.m.

SHL – Everyone's Reading Program: The History of Freshwater Subs Built in Manitowoc, WI and a Submariner's Life in World War II presented by Greg Martell from the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc was a hit with 96 people in attendance.

TPL - No Report.

UPL – Book sale in February was successful. The Cool City Consultants are returning this week to give Utica ideas on how to "enhance their coolness" and we hope that they have great plans for the library.

WPL – Women's History program is scheduled on March 21st. An apology was sent out immediately to the newspapers regarding the MLK Jr. link on our website.

VII. Public Participation.

No public participation.

VIII. Next meeting date.

The next meeting will be April 13, at Warren Arthur Miller Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.