

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

**Clinton-Macomb Public Library**  
**March 6, 2007**

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library.

Present: Smith (Armada), Lusardi (Chesterfield), Neal (Clinton-Macomb), Parus (Harper Woods), Hoffmeyer (Lenox), Reghi (Lois Wagner), Casamer (Macomb), Worrell (Mount Clemens), Valade (Roseville), Orlando (St. Clair Shores), Chambers (Shelby), Lingeman (Sterling Heights), Doege (Utica), Henderstein (Warren), Frezza (SLC), Turgeon (SLC)

Absent: Cross (Center Line), Sterling (Eastpointe), Schmidli (Fraser), Thomas (MacDonald), Harrison (Romeo), Stoutenburg (Troy)

II. Approval of the Agenda.

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

III. Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting.

Henderstein moved to approve Minutes of the last meeting, supported by Reghi. Motion carried.

IV. Suburban Library Cooperative Business.

A. Automation

The SLC Board will meet with Joe Ford regarding Strategic Planning for Technology Report the evening of March 6<sup>th</sup> at SLC. Joe Ford will be presenting to staff and trustees on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am at Clinton-Macomb Public Library. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am is a joint meeting with the Shared Technology Committee of SLC and the Executive Committee of TLN.

MeLCat Training sessions will occur at SLC between March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>. Two people can attend for class I - IV and four people can attend for class V - VI. Kristen will send out a memo in the next few days with training dates.

Please have your library staff call the computer room at 586-685-5755 or 1-877-libcoop. All computer calls are circulated between Chris, Ken and Lissa; therefore the line may ring a total of nine times before voice mail starts.

The Sirsi conference was February 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> in Colorado. Pat Summers is no longer working for Sirsi. The newest technology item is Aqua Browser. Aqua Browser is a different search engine that takes the search to a more specific level by using visual icons. The newest Sirsi release 3.2 is coming out this summer.

Vista is the next operating system from Microsoft that will eventually replace the XP operating system. We do have the option of upgrading to Windows Vista, but we will be staying with the XP system until we have thoroughly investigated Vista with our system. Chris will be sending out a PC quote that will include the XP operating system price and a price to purchase a Vista machine with the XP operating system. Revising the PC Replacement policy is the only item on The Shared Technology Committee meeting following the Council meeting.

B. 2007-2008 Budget (enclosure)

The 2005/2006 Cooperative Benefits Report was distributed. SLC has been fiscally sound since the Cooperative started due to investments and being financially prudent. Last year we added \$100,000 to our general fund balance because we didn't have MiLE expenses, money received from TLN for the interim director position and interest from CDs. With the money SLC has, the Cooperative could last for at least 10 years. If the budget cut is approved, the Centralized Purchasing account will be ending. Money that is currently in the Centralized Purchasing account is still allocated to each library. We will not know the budget changes until August.

Please let us know by April 1<sup>st</sup> if you have to cut staff users from the automation system or are keeping your current staff users. Ray Township is adding 2 staff users.

V. Announcements and Information.

A. MLA Public Policy.

Dr. Anderson is going to be speaking to the Senate regarding Arts & History. Nancy Robertson spoke last week about libraries.

B. MeL Delivery

Turgeon sent an email to on February 27<sup>th</sup> to ProMed regarding our materials not being delivered. ProMed changed their sorting method and delivery was doubled/tripled on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Our contract with ProMed is through June. ProMed is renegotiating their contract with the state for another three years. Our cost will go up per stop and libraries with a larger delivery volume will have an added surcharge. SLC could send out another RFP again and try to find a closed delivery system.

SLC has ordered more bubble bags for everyone to put AV items through delivery.

VI. Member libraries' announcements/concerns.

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

SLC Open House is on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 6pm.

For the next Council Meeting, Turgeon will contact MyLibrarydv and Gale so they can present the virtual reference items.

The Cooperative Directors are jointly sponsoring a legislative brunch on Thursday, April 19, 2007. The cost is \$15.00 and invitations will be sent out.

ARM – No Report

CLL - Absent.

CHE – First Single District Library in the State. We will probably have that designation until May 8<sup>th</sup> at which time there will be a ballot proposal to fund the District. We are asking residents to operate and build a library from these funds. Absentee ballots are going out to seniors that are 60 and over. The OBOC Sweets exhibit is at the library and the Detroit Free Press came out. Ended February with a Musical History of Africa Program.

CMPL- In the planning phase, we are working on a detailed budget forecast for the next five years. CMPL was selected as one of 81 libraries to be included in a new book called "Heart of Community Libraries We Love." The book is available on Amazon and features libraries by zip code around the country.

EPL- No Report.

FRA - Absent.

HPW – An east side organization called Services for Older Citizens nominated and voted us in as a Senior Friendly Business. We will receive an award on April 15<sup>th</sup>. City of HPW is having an annual Boards of Commission dinner for volunteers around the city and the speaker will be Dennis Archer. Senator Scott from the second district will be here on March 12<sup>th</sup> and we will receive a small grant from her foundation.

LEN – No Report.

LWM – No Report.

MPL – Absent.

MCL – No Report.

MTC - Had a successful Book Fair that was geared toward inspiring writers, on February 10<sup>th</sup> with over 150 attendees. March 10<sup>th</sup> we are having our first Rap contest. Doris Kearns Goodwin, author of "No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The American Home Front During World War II" will be at the Macomb Cultural Center on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.

ROG – Absent.

RSV – A small Michigan Center for the Book grant was received and will use the grant to provide a free workshop in April on How to Write and Get Published.

SCS – Art Woodford will be presenting Detroit and the Roaring 20's: Buildings, Booze, and Automobiles" on March 7<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, March 8th, The St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee Presents a Lecture on the work of Ansel Adams at the DIA.

SBL- Planning is at a stand still at this time. Started a new Mystery Book Club for adults that will meet on Saturdays. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, we are having a cookbook sale and Fran Salvatore from Pamela's catering to demonstrate pasta dishes. March 27<sup>th</sup> we are having a Wildflowers of Michigan Program based on a new book written by Joy Jenson called "Wildflowers in Michigan and The Great Lakes." March 15<sup>th</sup>, is a concert with Brazil and Beyond at 7:00 p.m.

SHL – For National Library Week we purchased the ALA Read software and are making Read posters of all library staff, the City Manager and the Mayor. The posters will be on our website as well.

TPL – Absent

UPL – No Report.

WPL – Starting a Scrap Booking Class at WAM for teens. Genealogy Workshop information was distributed. 22 computers are coming in from the Gates Grant: 17 for WMB and 5 for WDB. Thanks to Chris for getting us larger monitors at no extra charge.

#### VII. Public Participation.

No public participation.

#### VIII. Next meeting date.

The next meeting will be April 12, 2007 at the Suburban Library Cooperative at 9:30 a.m.

#### IX. Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.