

Southwest Michigan Library cooperative – Council Meeting Minutes

12 October 2017 @ Van Buren District Library

PRESENT: Weessies (Lawrence Memorial), Knezic (Berrien Springs), Sisson (Sodus), Wunderlich (Van Buren), Nofsinger (Marcellus), Wiggins (Cass), France (South Haven), Crotser-Toy (Watervliet), Weston (Dowagiac), Evans (Bridgeman), Daniels (Hartford), Deery (Allegan), Erlandson (Allegan), Dodd (Willard); Hayes (Galesburg); Stannard (Parchment); Kershaw (Martin); Estelle (Otsego); Greene (Eau Claire); Wolbers (Coloma); Compoe (Niles); Boyer (Benton Harbor); Enget (Lincoln Twp.); Jellies (Lawton); Wallace (Buchanan)

GUESTS: Cathy Lancaster, Director of Youth Services at Library of Michigan

Meeting called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Wallace

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved by Weessies; second by Dodd. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Weston asked how others are processing Launchpads. Evans reminded about upcoming mini-comicon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Deery, support by Weessies to approve the August 10, 2017 minutes; one spelling correction (“Bridgeman” to be corrected to “Bridgman”) and one additional attendee (Ann Greene hosted at Eau Claire). Motion passed with corrections.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

- Cathy Lancaster presented information about youth programs from the Library of Michigan.
 - Ready to Read Michigan - replacing “Michigan Reads” and will focus on early literacy
 - 2018 - “I got the Rhythm,” by Morrison
 - Seeking input for after-school program ideas
 - Programming and grants info available on LM website
 - Hoping to have annual workshop for teen/tween programming
 - Cathy is on the CSLP Board (www.cslpreads.org)

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Not available. Past-Treasurer Ray brought financial information in for new Treasurer Wunderlich, but did not stay for meeting.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

- Remind new Cooperative members / library directors to sign-up for Newsnotes
- Next Director’s meeting on November 9, 2017 at Paw Paw
 - John will be on vacation so won’t be there. Kathy Webb and Anne Seuryneck will be featured speakers.
- Next Council meeting on April 12, 2018 in South Haven

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Reports:

- Personnel Committee - volunteers needed. Estelle, Weessies and Hayes
- Finance Committee - Evans (VP), Wunderlich (Treasurer), Jellies
- “Sunshine” Committee - Estelle
- OverDrive Committee - Evans reports they are working toward central management

Grants:

- Lawrence Kapture oversees distribution of grants
- Two (2) \$1,000 grants per library annually
 - Staff development, Collection development; technology
- All libraries submitted grant applications for FY 2017
- Applications must be submitted before Labor Day

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

Meeting adjourned 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Helena Hayes, Secretary