

Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative
Council Meeting Minutes
April 11th, 2019
2:00 pm at Paw Paw District Library

Present: Weston (Dowagiac), Greene (Eau Claire), Knezic (Berrien Springs), Compoe (Niles), Weessies (Climax), Kershaw (Martin), Estelle (Otsego), Harrison (Coloma), Masin (St. Joseph), Mohney (Paw Paw), France (South Haven), Enget (Lincoln Twp), Wieber (Kalamazoo), Wiggins (Cass), Dodd (Battle Creek), Erlandson (Allegan), Crotser-Toy (Watervliet), Gordon (Cass), Hayes (Galesburg), Hutchins (Decatur).

Guests: Theresa Runyan (MCLS), Liz Breed (L.O.M.),

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve made by Masin; second Knezic. Passed.

Public Comments: none.

Approval of October 11th Minutes: minutes not currently available.

Guest Presentation:

Liz Breed, Library of Michigan, introduced Theresa Runyan, MCLS who discussed updates to MeL including the new logo, how to request visits for training, and how to get staff and patrons excited about using the databases. There is an embed option for tracking MeL usage from your home library site, and bundling of the sites most used databases is coming soon. Tutorials can be found at EBSCO Connect, including searching tips and how to use Explora. Contact Theresa runyant@mcls.org for further info.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Hutchins reported the Coop in "solid shape", having spent \$139,386 with \$214,079 cash on hand, with the largest expense so far the MLA memberships.

Director's Report:

- a. 2018-2019 Coop Grant requests are due to Lawrence Kapture lkapture@portagelibrary.info. Please send them before August, if possible. Remember to spend the two \$1,000 grants before sending him the invoices for reimbursement.
- b. The next Director's Meeting is May 9, 2019 2:00 at Paw Paw District Library. Speaker Sonya Norris from the Library of Michigan will discuss the Ploud website and the digitization hosting services.
- c. Next Council Meeting August 8, 2019 2:00, Following 1:00 Lunch, at Allegan District Library. Tentative speaker- Clare Membiela from LOM. Board meeting at 3:00.

- d. 2019 Meetings Schedule: the October 10th Council and Board meetings will be at Otsego DL following 1:00 lunch. Speaker- Anne Seuryneck, lawyer from Foster Swift (Grand Rapids)
- e. 2019 Workshops: There is a Technology workshop scheduled for May 30th, 9am-4pm, at the Van Buren Conference Center (Lawrence). Contact John Mohney johnamohney@rocketmail.com for any last-minute registrations.

Local history librarian Marty Maytnier will be presenting a program on June 8th, at the Carnegie building of Paw Paw, about the history of “deadball” as well as the history of major and minor league players from the area. Contact John for more info.

President’s Report: none.

Old Business:

The Sunshine Committee is looking for a volunteer to welcome new members to the Coop. Email Andrea at the Otsego DL aestelle@otsegoLibrary.org if you’re interested.

The Southwest Michigan Digital Library (Overdrive) group meets April 16th 1pm, at the South Haven Memorial Library. They are working on implementing automated holds for eBooks and eAudios. Purchasing groups have been formed and are running well.

New Business: none.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by President Greene at 3:08 pm.

Minutes taken by Matthew Weston, Dowagiac District Library