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COUNCIL MINUTES
Suburban Library Cooperative
October 12, 2023

- I. The meeting was called to order by DeVilbiss at 9:31 a.m. at the Suburban Library Cooperative.
 - Present: Smith (Armada), Johnson (Center Line) calling in from Center Line, Magness-Eubank (Chesterfield) calling in from Chesterfield, Neal (Clinton-Macomb), Todd (Eastpointe), McDowell (Fraser) calling in from Fraser, Kammer (Lois Wagner) calling in from Richmond, Ryals (MacDonald) calling in from New Baltimore, DeMeulenaere (Ray Twp.) calling in from Ray Twp., Meeker (Romeo), Harvey (Roseville), Ester (Shelby Twp.), Orlando (St. Clair Shores), Turgeon (Sterling Heights), Urban (Warren) calling in from Warren, DeVilbiss (SLC), Frezza (SLC) and Linsday (SLC).
 - Absent: Valyi-Hax (Harper Woods), Goins (Harrison Twp.), Bogaert (Lenox), Bowman (Mount Clemens), Dumas (Troy) and Francis (Utica).
 - Guests: Bethany Harnden, Shelby Township Library, and Phil Gilchrist, Executive Director, Anton Art Center.
- II. Approval of the Agenda.

Meeker made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Orlando. Motion Carried.
- III. Approval of the Minutes.

Orlando made a motion to approve the September 14, 2023 minutes, supported by Harvey. Motion Carried.
- IV. Guest Speaker: Phil Gilchrist, Executive Director, Anton Art Center. Mr. Gilchrist introduced himself and spoke about the different programs and exhibitions at the Anton Art Center. He also mentioned programming available to libraries and other agencies, some free of charge. Tammy Turgeon asked if the Anton Art Center would be open to co-sponsoring an SLC bookmark competition, sometime this Spring for National Library Month.
- V. Suburban Library Cooperative Business
 - A. Early Literacy Project

Bethany Harnden, from the Shelby Township Library presented a proposal for the Early Literacy Project, as decided by SLC youth librarians at a recent roundtable meeting. They propose using the majority of the budget towards age appropriate early literacy kits for member libraries to distribute in house or through outreach. The kits would consist of a small tote bag filled with age appropriate items such as a shaker egg, bib, board book and a book suggestion list with an estimated cost of \$10 per kit. Libraries would also be free to insert handouts, etc. for their particular library. It was suggested that the Cooperative coordinate these kits and distribute them to the member libraries. The remainder of the funds could be used for small grants which an individual or group of libraries could apply.
 - B. SLC Digital Resources

This is the last year for the Cooperative's group purchase of the following digital resources: Ancestry Library Edition, Tutor.com and OverDrive Magazines. Amy will be sending the directors a survey of digital resources to rate as possible alternatives for the next three years, 2024/25 to 2026/27. If there is a database that is not on the list, please feel free to add it on your survey.
 - C. Delivery Check-in

There have been some problems with termination of the contract with our previous delivery service vendor. Delivery service with our new vendor seems to be going well.
- VI. Announcements and Information
 - A. Advocacy – Everyone

Mallorie is on the nominating committee for MLA Board. Nominations for the 2024 Board of Directors will close on November 3rd. Registration for 2023-2024 Think Space: Future-Ready Libraries is now open. The December sessions will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids and the May 2024 sessions will be held at Mission Point Resort in Mackinac Island. Financial assistance and scholarships are available. Registration for PLA 2024 Conference in Columbus, Ohio is set to open on today.
- VII. Member Libraries' Announcements/Concerns

RSV: Had questions about the Opens Meeting Act and when can the board go to a "closed session" with regards to discussing candidates for their library board.

SBL: Updating meeting room policies, non-profit vs. for profit organizations. When if ever to charge a fee for the use of

a meeting room, etc.

SCS: Had an Amnesty day for overdue fines on September 27th, in honor the library's birthday.

VIII. Public Participation

None.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

X. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be November 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Suburban Library Cooperative.