

SUBURBAN LIBRARY COOPERATIVE

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COUNCIL MINUTES

Suburban Library Cooperative

April 11, 2024

- I. The meeting was called to order by DeVilbiss at 9:30 a.m. at the Suburban Library Cooperative.

Present: Smith (Armada), Johnson (Center Line), Magness-Eubank (Chesterfield) calling in from Chesterfield, Todd (Eastpointe) calling in from Eastpointe, McDowell (Fraser), Valyi-Hax (Harper Woods), Goins (Harrison Twp.), Bogaert (Lenox), Kammer (Lois Wagner) calling in from Richmond, Ryals (MacDonald), DeMeulenaere (Ray Twp.) calling in from Ray Twp., Ester (Shelby Twp.), Fair (St. Clair Shores), Turgeon (Sterling Heights), Dumas (Troy), Francis (Utica) calling in from Utica, Urban (Warren) calling in from Warren, DeVilbiss (SLC) and Lindsay (SLC).

Absent: Neal (Clinton-Macomb), Bowman (Mount Clemens), Meeker (Romeo) and Harvey (Roseville).

Guests: Bob Irland and Brian Sewell (calling in from Detroit), Gleaners Community Food Bank.
- II. Approval of the Agenda.
The Agenda was approved as presented.
- III. Approval of the Minutes.
The March 14 minutes, were approved as presented.
- IV. Guest Speakers: Bob Irland introduced himself and then spoke about the services Gleaners Community Food Bank provides, along with some statistics about how many families, etc. are served by their program. He also thanked the libraries for having the Food for Thought donation program currently in our member libraries. If possible, libraries are encouraged to have the Food for Thought as an ongoing program and not just seasonally. He also gave suggestions about what to donate: anything that is high in protein and low sodium is appreciated. Healthy cereals, canned fruit/vegetables (low sodium), oils, seasonings are also well received. Peanut butter and baby formula was also on the list of items to donate. Persons can go to <https://pantrynet.org>. to locate local food banks in their area. or call 211 to look for other assistance programs. Gleaners is always looking for volunteers, ages 14 years or older. Brian Sewell also spoke about other programs Gleaners Community Food Bank offers. Mallorie will email the directors today's presentation.
- V. Discussion Topic: Community Partnerships
The directors spoke about what community partnerships they have at their libraries and how they benefit from their relationships.
- VI. Announcements and Information
 - A. Advocacy – Everyone
MLA's Advocacy Day will be April 16th. MLA has suggestions for online participation for those who cannot attend in person. Mallorie will send out the link. MLA Board of Director's election ends April 22nd, and also MLA Ambassador applications are due by April 26th. The next DSLRT meeting will be May 17th at the Oxford Public Library.
- VII. Member Libraries' Announcements/Concerns

SLC: Next Council meeting, Riley Butner, SLC Marketing Coordinator, will be presenting a new SLC logo and tagline for Council's approval before it is presented to the Cooperative's Board.

FRA: Thank you for the Trustee workshop on how to run an efficient meeting. There have been changes to how Fraser's Board runs their board meetings. Have extended the lease at the library's temporary location, through the end of this year, with the option to extend the lease two more times at six months each time.

SBL: Does any library give a statistical report to their board and do you approve the report or just receive and file. Most libraries receive and file such reports.

SHL: Slowly working to get rid of the library's reference collection. Does anyone still have Ready Reference? Will be keeping genealogy and history materials.
- VIII. Public Participation
None.
- IX. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

X. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be May 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the Suburban Library Cooperative.