

Officially Withdrawn
5/18/06 Formal Organizing Meeting
St. Louis Park Library

22 attendees: Cindy Ahrens, Roger Burg, Pat Chisenhall, Ann Eccles, Linda Engberg, Wanda Griep, Evelyn Gross, Helen Halverson, Eileen Hansen, Pat Kulseth, Sandy Louis, Helen McNulty, Helen Malby, Phyllis Mattill, Donna Meade, Bob Rohlf, Mary Sassen, David Smith, Sharyl Smith, Biruta Spruds, Kathy Steward, Elaine Weber. Guests from the Library Foundation: Jane Johnson and Diane Ladenson.

Linda Engberg called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. at St. Louis Park Library. Sign in sheet was routed in addition to a listing of retirees for corrections/additions/etc.

Officially Withdrawn History – R. Burg

Roger gave a brief history of the group including first meeting postal sent out in 1993.

That first meeting was held on Sept. 15, 1993 at the Golden Valley Library where the name of the group was decided, frequency of meetings, and possible service projects. Group began meeting informally at restaurant, and then decided to meet at new/remodeled libraries.

Archivers Group Activities – C. Ahrens

Archivers were started under Charles Brown with volunteers to help identify the boxes of old photos/slides, and index the oral history videos documenting the history of HCL. With many retirements of long time staff, it was determined that the story of HCL history needed to be preserved for future needs. The historical collection is available to all staff for publicity, community celebrations, library anniversaries, etc. At the Feb. 2006 meeting Sandy Louis reported that the group has completed photo identification and file organization, the utility cabinet has been organized and indexed, scrapbooks still need to be organized, old clippings have been culled and organized by library and/or subject, and 17 titles of the video histories have been transferred to DVD (approximately one-third of the total). Volunteers are needed to log the history DVDs as a future project.

Displays – P. Mattill

Three displays in case outside Director's Office: 1) Libraries that don't exist any longer; 2) Summer programs; 3) History of HCL catalog. Biggest complaint is that the case is not in a high traffic location; **looking into moving case to Administration reception area** since the doors to Admin are now locked.

Next display is Bookmobile, need more realia on any topic if anyone has.

Phyllis Mattill is the contact person for displays.

Bylaws – review why/contents – L. Engberg

During discussions involving Archive activities, current HCL administrative staff requested that OW become more of a formal group with structure to facilitate communication.

Specifics: Officers will be presented as a slate, and then those officers will agree on which position will be held.

Review of each article for discussion.
Discussion of election of officers, assignment of duties and offices.
Bylaws were MSP (Pat Chisenhall/Wanda Griep & Helen McNulty).

Slate of Officers: Linda Engberg presented slate that has agreed to serve: Cindy Ahrens, Roger Burg, Linda Engberg, Pat Kulseth, Sandy Louis. L.Engberg asked for any additional nominations from the floor.
Slate was MSP (P.Chisenhall/P.Mattill).

Funds and Dues

K. Steward reported that the organization has about \$200 from past donations. About 210 items were mailed out, postage and copying cost of \$135.31. Dues to be \$5 annually were MSP (Elaine Weber/Helen McNulty).

Future Programs

Bob Rohlf has contacted MPL about a special tour for Officially Withdrawn, in Sept. 2006. Date, details, parking will be announced when date draws closer but looking at Thursday, Sept. 28.

Oral history tapes, converted to DVDs, snips will be shown at future meetings.

Archive group wants to work on the HCL timeline. Need additional members for the Archivers group.

Additional topics: current staff members to address OW group about new & exciting activities at HCL.

Program: Jane Johnson (Executive Director) and Diane Ladenson (Foundation Board), Library Foundation . J.Johnson reviewed the 2006-2007 Pen Pals Author series and Foundation Funding Spotlights. D. Ladenson covered the Living Library Society, Declaration of Intent – declaring your intentions to provide for future library needs with a gift to the Living Library Society Endowment Fund.

Adjournment: MSP: Roger Burg/David Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

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