

HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY OFFICIALLY WITHDRAWN
Winter Meeting, February 18, 2010, St. Louis Park Library

Attendees: Roger Burg, Cathy Chastek, Pat Chisenhall, Vicki Dunn, Bill Erickson, Linda Jennings, Margie Knoedel, Chuck Kritzler, Sandy Louis, Phyllis Mattill, Helen McNulty, Bob Rohlf, Doris Skalstad, Sharyll Smith

Chuck Kritzler opened the meeting at 9:45 am.

Business Meeting:

Secretary's Report- Two corrections were suggested for the September 17, 2009 minutes: they were to correct the spelling of two names – Chuck Kritzler and Eileen Cavanagh. The motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected. Roger Burg moved to accept; Helen McNulty seconded the motion. Passed.

Treasurer's Report -	Balance 8/31/2009		\$606.59
	Income		
	Dues	\$25.00	
	TOTAL INCOME		\$25.00
	Expenses		
	Supplies	\$26.40	
	Website (Annual Fee)	\$14.95	
	Bank Adjustment	\$00.01	
	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$41.36
	Balance 1/31/2010		\$590.23

Respectfully submitted by Pat Kulseth. Sandy Louis moved to accept; Pat Chisenhall seconded the motion. Passed.

Committee Reports –

Displays - Phyllis Mattill reported that “Anniversary Celebrations” is the current display at the Ridgedale office. New ideas are needed. Roger Burg said that “realia”, or real items are especially needed.

Archiving – Sandy Louis reported that former staff member Mena Dyste donated material from the 1950's and 1960's. Annual and monthly reports and a publication called the County Line were given. Bob Rohlf also gave annual and official reports.

The new slide converter has not been used yet. The committee may purchase a computer for archiving. The money would come from the RHR fund.

Linda Jennings put scrapbooking summaries in the archiving section of the Officially Withdrawn Website (www.hclow.net). Sandy acknowledged Linda's excellent work.

Membership- Everyone agreed that a thank you is due to Pat Kulseth for her excellent work in e-mailing the Staff Newsletter, “Connect” to Officially Withdrawn members. Chuck announced that May will be membership month. The dues will remain the same.

Old Business –

A discussion was held on how to get more former HCL and MPLIC staff interested in joining the group. One suggestion was to move some of the meetings to another day of the week instead of Thursday. This could be discussed at the May meeting (which is already set). Perhaps the application form for the group could include a question about which days are better for people. The possibility of meeting at a Minneapolis city site was discussed.

New Business –

Nominating Committee – Roger Burg and Margie Knoedel agreed to contact officers to see if they are interested in remaining in their positions, if not, Roger and Margie will nominate different members of the group.

The May meeting will be on May 20 at the Ridgedale Library. Lois Langer Thompson will speak.

Program -

Two DVD's were shown. The first was an interview with Helen McNulty from May, 1993. She began her career with the Minneapolis Public Library as a summer replacement at the Central Ave. Branch (Northeast) and Jordan Jr. High. She went to the Minneapolis Public Library and worked at the circulation desk, helping people use the catalog and doing quick reference work. This was at the Tenth and Hennepin building. Then she worked at the Linden Hills branch. In May 1967 she began work with Hennepin County at the small storefront St. Louis Park branch. When the new building was built in February 1968, she hired staff and worked with other HCL staff. She enjoyed both children's and adult reference and reader's advisory work. She remembers the Scott collection of donated books at St. Louis Park. She then worked at the Southdale Popular Library, and remembers working with the Popular Titles Collection. She was very thankful when the Book Catalog began to be used. She also worked at Augsburg Park and Edina. She remembered when all the staff knew each other, especially enjoying annual meetings where Olaf from the bookmobile would recite "The Night Before Christmas". She was on the Record (phonograph) Committee and the Popular Titles Committee. She gave many wonderful travelogue programs.

The second DVD was an interview with Eddy Cohen from April, 1992. She worked with Friends' groups and always loved libraries. She began her work with Mena Dyste at St. Louis Park and substituted at Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Edina, and Rockford Road. She began a part-time clerical position at Rockford Road in 1973-4. She also worked with data entry and then at Brooklyn Park. Then she worked at the Southdale bookstore, work that she enjoyed very much. It was a "browsing bookstore".

After the meeting, Linda Anderson of SLP gave attendees a tour of the building.

The meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Sharyll Smith