

HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY OFFICIALLY WITHDRAWN  
Fall Meeting, September 17, 2009, Augsburg Park Library

**Attendees:** Phyllis Bofferding, Roger Burg, Rose Burke, Eileen Cavanagh, Cathy Chastek, Pat Chisenhall, Mena Dyste, Linda Engberg, Bill Erickson, Gwen Grady, Linda Jennings, Chuck Kritzler, Pat Kulseth, Sandy Louis, Phyllis Mattill, Helen McNulty, Donna Meade, Bob Rohlf, Doris Skalstad, David Smith, Sharyll Smith, Carolyn Kozlowski (Guest), Connie Kverberg (Guest)

Linda Engberg opened the meeting at 9:40 am.  
Attendees introduced themselves with name, year of retirement, and last work location.

**Program:** Pat Kulseth introduced guest, Allan Kornblum, publisher, Coffee House Press. Allan introduced himself as a person who came out of the small press movement of the 1960's and 1970's. He moved on to the Coffee House Press, which has been in business for 25 years.

His presentation was called "A Stick in the Mud", a talk about "surfaces used to write on." The stick was a triangular reed which was poked in the mud of clay tablets – the first main surface used for writing. Papyrus, from the pith of a plant grown on the banks of the Nile in Egypt, was the next surface used. Parchment, from the skin of sheep or calves, was the third type of surface used. In China, characters were first written on turtle shells or silk scrolls. They also used bamboo sticks tied together and bound. In approximately 105 A.D. Tsi Lun invented paper. The use of paper spread to India and finally to Europe. Now, printing has given way to a magnetic impulse on a computer. Amazon's Kindle books are an example.

Allan announced the Coffee House Press anniversary which will take place on October 29, 2009. He took comments and questions from the group and showed the artifacts that he brought, for example parchment sheets and bamboo books. All agreed that the presentation was excellent.

**Business Meeting:**

**Secretary's Report** – Thanks to Cindy Ahrens for taking minutes on May 21, 2009. The minutes of the May 21 meeting were accepted. Phyllis Mattill moved to accept; Helen McNulty seconded the motion. Passed.

<b>Treasurer's Report -</b>	Balance 5/21/2009:	\$710.82
	Income	
	Dues	\$215.00
	Dividends	\$ 0.15
	TOTAL	\$215.15
	Expenses	
	Programming	\$200.00

MN Secretary of State	\$ 70.00
New Checks	\$ 49.38
TOTAL	\$319.38

Balance 9/17/09: \$606.59

Pat Chisenhall moved to accept; Eileen Cavanagh seconded the motion. Passed

### **Committee Reports:**

Archiving: Sandy Louis reported that the group has purchased a slide and negative converter from Sharper Image.com. It cost \$100. The committee is working on organizing the archives. Linda Jennings is working with scrapbooks. Library history work is suspended for a while.

Membership: Pat Kulseth reported the membership consisted of 51 paid members. The group's new website is at [www.hclow.net](http://www.hclow.net).

Displays: Phyllis Mattill reported that new ideas were needed for displays. She asked the members of the group to contact her with ideas.

### **Old Business:**

Roger Burg contacted staff who were in MPLIC to see if they were interested in joining the group. Two persons are members. He said that new retirees will get our packet with information and as the two library staffs learn to know each other better, interest may grow.

Linda Engberg told of a letter that she sent to Lois Thompson about a new liaison for the group. Lois responded, commending the group members' visionary commitment. She said that Joann Frankena of Ridgedale will be the liaison.

### **Announcements and News**

Bob Rohlf reported that his 13 year-old grandson, Henry Rohlf, is progressing well after his accident. He can walk and gets help at Courage Center. He was made an Honorary Football Captain in Edina.

### **Meeting Dates and Program Ideas – 2010**

Meeting dates for 2010 will be February 18, May 20, and September 16. The annual meeting will be in May. The meeting locations are to be determined. It was suggested that the May meeting should be at Ridgedale and that a meeting could be at a Minneapolis location. Washburn was a possibility. Please let the committee know of any ideas.

Linda Engberg closed the meeting with a word of thanks to the speaker and the attendees.