

Hennepin County Library
Officially Withdrawn (OW)

An organization for retired and former library employees/staff

ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 21, 2009
RIDGEDALE LIBRARY

Attendees: Cindy Ahrens, Roger Burg, Rose Burke, Pat Chisenhall, Vicki Dunn, Linda Engberg, Bill Erickson, Evelyn Gross, Margie Knoedel, Chuck Kritzler, Pat Kulseth, Sandy Louis, Phyllis Mattill, Holly McDonnell, Helen McNulty, Donna Meade, Fran Parkinson, Bob Rohlf, Doris Skalstad

Linda Engberg opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Thanks to Cindy Ahrens for agreeing to take the minutes since Secretary Sharyll Smith is unable to be here.

Attendees introduced themselves with name, year of retirement and last work location.

Program: Pat Kulseth introduced guests Mary McDermid, Coffee House Press Board, and, Linda Koutsky of Coffee House Press (CHP). Linda explained how the process for designing a book cover works at CHP and her role in it. CHP is a nonprofit literary publisher that issues about 14 books a year. It was a fascinating talk and prompted many questions from attendees.

Business Meeting:

Minutes of the Feb. 19, 2009 meeting: R. Burg moved acceptance; second by P. Chisenhall; passed.

Treasurer's Report:	Balance 2/19/09:	\$685.40
	Income	
	Dues	25.00
	Dividends	.42
	TOTAL	25.42
	Expenses	00.00
	Balance 5/21/09:	\$710.82

Current balance in the Foundation's Rohlf Archival Fund is \$1,765. R. Rohlf will be meeting with Foundation director and will inquire about status of the Fund.

Committee Reports:

Displays: P. Mattill (responsible): Current display depicts libraries that have been closed

Membership: P. Kulseth (responsible): Dues for 2009/2010 are now due - \$5.00/year. Currently have about 60 active members. R. Burg inquired about MPL retirees being invited to join the HCLOW group; he agreed to pursue with MPL staff. R. Burg suggested members consider giving gift memberships to retired colleagues.

Archiving: S. Louis (responsible): Have written brief histories of several libraries (need was identified by HCL administration); will eventually do all original HC libraries and will explore what exists for original MPL libraries).

Would like to put these histories on the OW website, but right now website host is in limbo as current provider will soon begin charging (previously free). C. Ahrens moved authorization of up to \$25/year for domain name, etc. R. Burg seconded and motion passed. P. Kulseth will pursue.

Future Meeting: P. Kulseth suggested that Allan Kornblum, publisher of Coffee House Press, be invited to talk at our September, 2009, meeting. She will pursue. For the 2010 Annual Meeting, P. Kulseth suggested Jerene Mortenson, mother of Greg Mortenson, author of Three Cups of Tea. Agreed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009 – south location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ahrens,

Secretary Pro Tem