


**Hennepin County Library**  
**Officially Withdrawn (OW)**  
An organization for retired and former library employees/staff

February 13, 2014  
Augsburg Park Library

Present: Roger Burg, Roseanne Byrne, Ann Eccles, Linda Engberg, Bill Erickson, Cathy Fischer, Paula Fox, Dave Ingham, Pat Kulseth, Laurel Lazinski, Sandy Louis, Helen Malby, Fifi Mattill, Kay McKay, Helen McNulty, Virginia Morris, Vicki Oeljen, Bob Rohlf, David Smith, Sharyll Smith, Carol Woodward (22 attendees!) 

Co-President C. Woodward called the meeting together and attendees introduced themselves.

P. Kulseth gave a brief Treasurer's Report:

- annual dues will be payable at the May meeting; (dues also accepted today)
- multiple year dues payment is OK
- Balance on 9/26/13            \$1553.23
- dues income since 9/26/13    20.00
- expenses since 9/26/13        25.10
  
- **Balance - Feb. 13, 2014    \$1548.13**

Pat also called attention to the new article on the OW website (including photos):  
the "Needlers" project at the Plymouth Congregational Church - featuring Vicki Oeljen —do check it out: <http://www.hclow.net>

L. Engberg mentioned 9 Books - an organization providing picture books to schools in western Kenya. This organization was started by a friend of Elizabeth Anderson who developed the program after retiring as director of the Project Early Kindergarten in the St. Paul Public Schools. There is to be a fund raiser on April 14th at the Wilder Center in St. Paul. To find out more, website is: <http://9bookskenya.wordpress.com>

**FUN:** C. Woodward suggested we each offer up how we've coped with this cold, cold winter - including books read, movies seen, projects & travel. Below is a listing of books & movies sited. This list will also be posted on the website - if you notice any omissions or errors, please let Pat Kulseth know so at least the website can be accurate (thanks!!).

**Movies Recommended (or Not):**

- Blue Jasmine —mixed reviews

- Nebraska —high praise from all
- Frozen - wonderful music and animation
- Philomena - high praise from all
- Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (old - but good)

**Books/Authors Recommend:**

- for Downton Abbey lovers: Phillip Rock: *The Passing Bells* trilogy (*The Passing Bells; Circles of Time; and A Future Arrived*)
- Anything written by David McCullough
- Sue Monk Kidd: *The Invention of Wings*  
note: watch a replay of Sue Monk Kidd's appearance on 2/11/14 at the Westminster Town Forum on the Westminster Town Hall website:  
<http://westminsterforum.org>
- Martin Sixsmith: *The Lost Child of Philomena Lee* - basis for "Philomena" movie
- Diana Gabaldon: *The Outlander Series*
- Doris Kerns Goodwin: *Team of Rivals*
- Elizabeth George - mystery writer usually set in Great Britain
- Carl Hiaasen: *The Bad Monkey*, & many more
- Lawrence Wright: *Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood, and the Prison of Belief*
- William Kent Krueger: Crime writer - many set in Minnesota
- James Salter: American novelist & Short Story writer
- Margaret Atwood *MaddAddam* trilogy: *Oryx and Crake; The Year of the Flood; MaddAddam*
- Jhumpa Lahiri: *Namesake*
- Peggielene Bartels & Eleanor Herman: *Queen Peggy: an American secretary, her royal destiny, & the inspiring story of how she changed an African village*
- Garth Stein: *Art of Racing in the Rain*
- Julie Otsuka: *Buddha in the Attic*
- Philip Roth: *Nemesis*
- Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard: *Killing Jesus*

In addition to recommendations for movies & books, attendees talked of travel, health challenges, interesting projects, grandchildren, and managing retirement - overall a very fun meeting.

**Next Meeting will be in May, 2014 —date and location will be announced.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Engberg, Secretary

