**Detroit Suburban Librarians Roundtable Meeting**

**May 13, 2016**

**Wixom Public Library**

**Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary, Katie Ester, Shelby Township Library**

**Call to Order**  by Chair, Bryan Cloutier at 10:00am

**Approval of Agenda**

Ester (Shelby Township) made a motion to approve the agenda; Lusardi (Chesterfield) seconded. Motion carried.  
  
**Approval of Minutes**

Ewick (Southfield) made a motion to approve the minutes; Braden (Romulus) seconded. Motion carried.

**Business Meeting**

**Reports:**

PLA: PLA Annual Conference was in Denver April 5-9, 2016. Davis (Canton) reported that it was a successful conference and had especially relevant information for Trustees. Would recommend trustees look into attending PLA.

MLA: Pletz (TLN) reported “save the date” conference dates for 2016: October 26-28, 2016 This year will mark the 125th anniversary of the Michigan Library Association. The conference will be in Lansing (following the 2 years in Lansing, 1 year out-state plan.)

Ewick (Southfield) reported that the MLA Executive Summit will be June 3, 2016 at the Southfield Public Library and will feature Oakland County executive Robert Daddow presentation of Oakland County’s long-term strategic financial planning and long-range budgeting process. In addition, there will be a session on library forecasting with ALA’s Center for the Future of Libraries.

Metro-Detroit Book and Author Society: The next Metro-Detroit Book and Author Luncheon will be May 16, 2017. For more information, visit. <http://bookandauthor.info/>)

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. 2016-2017 Election of Officers

CHAIR: Dave Ewick (Southfield) volunteered to be Chair. Motion by Ozinga (Commerce Township) and seconded by Conklin (Genesee District). Motion carried.  
SECRETARY: Katie Ester (Shelby Township) volunteered for re-election to Secretary. Motion by Turgeon (Sterling Heights/SLC) and seconded by Sanak (Trenton). Motion carried.

The DSLRT membership as a whole offers sincere thanks to Bryan Cloutier who served as DSLRT chair for several years and kept DSLRT running smoothly and well-organized. His dedicated service to our group is greatly appreciated.

1. 2016-2017 Meeting Dates. Motion by Lusardi (Chesterfield) and seconded by Ewick (Southfield)

Friday, **September 16, 2016**—Chesterfield Township Library (Legislative Meeting) Friday, **November 18, 2016**—Howell Carnegie District Library (Trying to arrange Supt. Brian Whiston, Michigan Department of Education)

Friday**, March 17, 2017**—Farmington Community Library (Trying to arrange Ruth Johnson, Secretary of State, State of Michigan)

Friday, **May 19, 2017**—Canton Public Library (Legislative Meeting)

**For the Good of the Group:**

**Wixom- Cindy Mack** announced that she has accepted a position as Director of the Brighton District Library.

**Trenton-Francine Sanak** reported the Trenton is gearing up for Summer Reading.

**Ferndale District- Jessica Keyser** Ferndale will have a ballot measure in August. Ferndale is wrapping up their Ferndale Reads program with a book signing by Emily St John Mandel at the Tangent Gallery in Detroit with transportation available for attendees.

**Farmington Community-Elyse Streit** Farmington is waiting for the delivery of their new custom book bike. From their downtown Farmington branch, the book bike will do pop-up story times and on-the-go book circulation. The bike, which costs about $3500, is custom made by Haley Trikes.

**Clarkston-Julie Meredith** Clarkston is re-doing their concrete driveway.

**Shelby Township-Katie Ester** Shelby would recommend Oakland Schools Production Printing & Graphics for printing and production of flyers, brochures and signage. Shelby recently used them for a new “Welcome Brochure” that was beautifully done and affordable. Shelby Township had several “Community Center Town Hall Meetings” to discuss the future plans of possibly moving the library, senior center and parks and recreation department to another location.

**Genesee District-Dave Conklin** GDL was awarded a Big Read grant in the amount of $14,000. The grant, funded by the NEA, will be used to introduce middle schoolers to a classic book. The book is The Call of the Wild by Jack London. GDL will also seek a millage renewal on the August 2nd ballot. Dave also recommends the MMLC millage campaign workshop that is offered every other year for any library considering a millage proposal.

**Romulus-Patty Braden** Romulus will have an artwork dedication on May 21, 2016. Emilie Beadle is the artist and also happens to be the daughter of Salem-South Lyon Director, Doreen Hannon. Romulus is working on organizing a seed library in conjunction with their community garden club. Romulus is working towards their QSAC.

**Redford Township-Garrett Hungerford** The upcoming parking lot resurfacing may result in closure of the library for a short time. Redford Township may be on the lookout for an outside drop-box if anyone has recommendations or a used one to offer.

**Canton-Eva Davis** As part of their recent children’s department remodel, Canton recently purchased and installed a chilled bottle filler attachment to their drinking fountain. It has been a hit with patrons.

**Commerce Township-Connie Ozinga** Commerce is a DIA Inside Out site.

**Chesterfield Township-Midge Lusardi** Chesterfield’s seed library is up and running. A staff garden is being considered for a strip of land near the parking lot. In June, Dan Whistler will be visiting to give a presentation about re-modeling a portion of the building.

**Howell-Holly Lamb** Howell is getting to the end of their building project. (They recently had their new generator flown to their roof.) They will begin embarking on their next strategic plan.

**TLN-Jim Pletz**- TLN’s Tyler lecture series this year featured Michael Bell whose presentation challenged attendees to think about the 3 things your organization could do to ensure its own demise.

**Sterling Heights/Suburban Library Cooperative-Tammy Turgeon** Sterling Heights is installing five Little Free Libraries in parks in Sterling Heights. SHL is repaving their parking lot including their walkway. Also, SHL is moving the Marshall Fredericks statue to the front of the Library. The Suburban Library Cooperative (SLC) is beginning their strategic plan with member libraries.

**Southfield-Dave Ewick** Boy and the Bear unveiling Thursday night (May 19). Some library gift funds were used to purchase the statue from the Northland Mall which was in receivership and selling its assets. SPL is looking for some one person quiet space pods/furniture.

**Oxford-Bryan Cloutier** Oxford is filling their Head of Support Services/Circulation vacancy. Oxford has also just finished their Summer Reading brochure and handed out copies.

**Adjournment:** Midge Lusardi (Chesterfield) made a motion to adjourn business meeting; Katie Ester (Shelby Township) seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:55am

*Break*

**Program:** Speaker/Topic: Preservation and Digitization of Historical Resources

Dr. Sandy Yee of Wayne State University discussed the Digital Public Library of America with the group. <https://dp.la/>

Attendees: May 13, 2016

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| Tammy Turgeon | Sterling Heights/Suburban Library Cooperative |
| Francine Sanak | Trenton |
| Patty Braedon | Romulus |
| Jessica Keyser | Ferndale |
| Katie Ester | Shelby Township |
| Cindy Mack | Wixom |
| Holly Lamb | Howell |
| Julie Meredith | Clarkston |
| Midge Lusardi | Chesterfield Township |
| Elyse Streit | Farmington |
| Bryan Cloutier | Oxford |
| Dave Ewick | Southfield |
| Eva Davis | Canton |
| Garrett Hungerford | Redford |
| Jim Pletz | TLN |
| Dave Conklin | Genesee District |
| Connie Ozinga | Commerce Township |