

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**Officially Withdrawn (OW)**  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

May 21, 2014  
Golden Valley Library

Present: Elizabeth Anderson, Maureen Bell, Roger Burg, Rose Burke, Sharon Charles, Cathy Chastek, Pat Chisenhall, Sue Colten, Vicki Dunn, Linda Engberg, Bill Erickson, Cathy Fischer, Joann Franken, Dave Ingham, Janet Kinney, Pat Kulseth, Sandy Louis, Phyllis Mattill, Glenn Peterson, Bob Rohlf, Doris Skalstad, David Smith, Sharyll Smith, Julie Wallace (24 attendees)

Secretary L. Engberg called the meeting together and attendees introduced themselves.

P. Kulseth gave a brief Treasurer's Report:

- annual dues for 2014-2015 are now being accepted (\$5.00 - payable by check to HCL Officially Withdrawn)
- Balance on 2/13/14                      \$1548.13
- Income    70.25
  
- **Balance on 5/21/14                      \$1618.38**

Minutes of the Feb. 23, 2014, meeting were accepted. No committee reports.

**Old Business:**

- Reminder that Friends of the Hennepin County Library (Foundation) is authorized to use the OW email list once a year to contact members & request donations/provide information

**New Business:**

- Election of Officers: current officers agreed to stand for reelection to another 2-year term (Jan Feye-Stukas, Carol LeDuc, Carol Woodward, Pat Kulseth, & Linda Engberg). Additional nominations were called for, but none offered. J. Kinney moved the approval of the current slate of officers for a 2-year terms; R. Burg 2nd; approved. Officers will determine their specific roles.

**Program: 2 Presentations: Glenn Peterson and Dave Ingham**

- Glenn Peterson: hired by David Smith in 1985 to investigate automating the scheduling of librarians - (while not successful with this project, Glenn's career at HCL did include many automation successes - secretary's editorial comment).
  - in 2005 started free service for libraries wanting to improve their connections with patrons through their websites
  - approximately 9500 public libraries in the USA and 80% have less than \$1 million in annual income - Glenn's free service is used by approximately 8% of these libraries; for libraries with more income, there is a fee
  - does minimal marketing - word of mouth is working well (753 libraries use the service); service has evolved to a full-time job for Glenn
  - check out his website and mention it's existence to all your library friends (another secretary's editorial comments): <http://engagedpatrons.org>
  
- Dave Ingham: Hobby: Travel - started 3 years ago in earnest to visit every Minnesota county
  - systematic plan: started in Rock County (southwest corner of MN); visit every town and all historic sites on the National Register of Historical Places; now starting to take photos of libraries (all kinds), signs, historical societies, etc.
  - for each county, Dave viewed the Wikipedia page to get overview (e.g., [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock\\_County,\\_Minnesota](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock_County,_Minnesota)) - provides list of cities & towns as well as general information; in addition, there is a link to Wikipedia's page on specific historic places in Rock County)
  - all information recorded in notebooks & photos posted on Shutterfly: <https://daveingham.shutterfly.com/>
  - so far has visited 45 of the 87 MN counties
  - no plans to write a book; no "favorite" county, just like kids, each different

**Announcements:**

- David Smith called attention to a movie "DirtyWork", featuring our colleague Don Roberts. Having been originally broadcast in April, 2014, the movie is going to be shown again on TPT 2 - Minnesota Channel on the following schedule: Tue May 27th @ 2:00 am; Tue May 27th @ 8:00 am; Tue May 27th @ 8:00 p.m.; & Thu, July 3rd @ 8:00 pm
  - "Dirty Work: The story of Elsie's Farm' is a documentary about an audacious, perhaps quixotic dream to take an old farm, invest it with new ideas and grow a community."

- The movie is available for purchase (\$25.00), and since HCL does not own it, there was discussion about OW buying a copy and donating it to the Library. If you have thoughts on this idea, please do contact any OW Board member.

- Glenn Peterson alerted us to upcoming release of HCL's new website.
  - Also, a new catalog is being developed.
  - When the new catalog is released *KidLinks & Teen Links* will both be shut down. Glenn is circulating an online petition to encourage rethinking this decision:

Here's the web address for the petition: (you will be asked to sign in)

<https://www.causes.com/campaigns/77615-save-kidlinks-teenlinks>

And the text:

Tell the Hennepin County Commissioners to support children and teens by continuing to provide reading development through these outstanding Library websites: KidLinks, TeenLinks and BirthToSix.

**Next meeting: Sept., 2014: Date & Location to be announced.**

Director Lois Langer Thompson will be asked to speak & we will arrange the meeting to accommodate her schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Engberg, Secretary