

MEETING MINUTES
TLN ASC MONDAY APRIL 2, 2018
ROCHESTER HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER 10 am by Jessica Parij, Chair

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

Motion to approve: Cherie Edmonds

Seconded: Katy Kramp

PRESENTATION: Sarah Jones and Colleen, Clinton-Macomb Public Library
“How to Throw a Large-Scale Comic Con at Your Library”

Pick a date that doesn't conflict with other dates!

Market early “save the date”. They picked a Saturday, all day. They planned for a lot of people: 300 attended Harry Potter, so they planned on 400. 1000+ attended! One area of library was reserved for quiet library activities. Planned lots of events for every age with help of coworkers and friends. Panels of people talked about topics like cosplay, movie makeup, ghost hunting, and Star Trek. Activities like costume contest, local author book signing, local artists sold art, trivia contest, Hamilton sing-a-long, ghost hunt, wine tasting. All day activities included tabletop gaming, photo ops, random crafts, Lego contest, video games. Registration not required. Offered drawing programs for children and adults. Food trucks. Low budget, people volunteered time, used things they already had. They didn't pay for advertising. The schedule timetable didn't really gel until last minute.

They are doing it again this year, April 28, 10-6. They are eliminating anything after hours. 25 activities planned, with most happening during 6 hours. To streamline communication with vendors, volunteers, etc. they created a unique email address. They are trying to have activities going on all the time. New this year is Lego freeplay, Adult Services is going to present How to Throw a Game of Thrones party, nerd sign painting, more panels of residents talking about their interests e.g., a survivalist will present, someone will talk about ghosts and local true crime, escape rooms, D&D. Tips: Have a small planning team for decision making. Wear a comfortable costume. Feed your volunteers. Designate a space for people to change clothes. Coordinate activities so you are not having to break down a room and set it up with something else. Plan for set up and break down time. Make a Facebook event. Use it as a craft clean up opportunity. Reach out. Partner with local businesses. Last year Tubby's donated sandwiches. Use the words “Comic Con” because “Comic-Com” is licensed.

OLD BUSINESS

June Field Trip - We will visit the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Karla will reserve a tour for Monday June 4 at 10 am.

Special Equipment List - in process

NEW BUSINESS

Presenter's Showcase 2018. Rob Jakki Kelly volunteered will be at Dearborn Caroline Kennedy in December

AROUND THE COOP

BELL - groundbreaking soon. Lots of library week programs. Had a popular African American genealogy program in February.

CANT - Renovation of office space soon moving to be complete. Canton Book project upcoming.

COMM - Great MI Read musical program, author Tom Carr "Blood on the Mitten" both successful. Going to present History of the Dixie Highway, and Detroit riots of 1945. Lightbrary program successful - a light therapy lamp on study table with coloring supplies. Available on demand.

DHTN - Larry Nemichaek, expert of Star Trek returning Aug. 15., and is looking for other libraries to speak at that week. Woodlawn Cemetery presented by Russell Rheaume, krhea3188@aol.com. We hired a couple part time staff.

HAMB - Upcoming annual adult tea party, theme this year is Grand Hotel. Historical Society going to host walking tour of Hamburg.

MDHT - extensive children's programming. 15 adults attend knitting. Brown bag lunches for library for the blind. Librarian of Congress came and read a story. Busy spring.

MILF - Anderson, author of Laura Ingalls Wilder books, appearance, and attendance over 50 people.

ORIO - Repair Cafe upcoming with about 15 repair specialists present. Annual Star Wars day coming up with activities for adults and kids

PLYM - Ready Player one this Saturday with vintage games, trivia, arcade machines rented. Library is renting a space at Farmers Market on Sat. May 5 to hand out free comic books, and will take mobil circ to check out books and issue cards.

ROHL - Complaints that bar book club was too noisy so they moved to Main Street Billiards VIP room. They try to read non-mainstream books, including graphic novels and YA.

SOGT - Starting to offer adult programs like book club, coloring, author visit.

SPRI - Travelogue wherein local residents talk about travels, about 25 attending. Looking forward to Matthew Ball Boogie Woogie kid.

TAYL - Lots of ongoing programs like weekly knitting and book clubs.

WHLK - annual Repair Cafe upcoming, Dementia Program being presented again due to popularity.

WIXM - Romantic Valentine's Day menu presented by culinary instructor Mary Spencer, African-American genealogy presented by Jessica Trotter, and Love Your Home presented by interior designer Veronica Simmons.

WYDT - new children's librarian initiated partnership with schools. Makerspace room is ready for equipment. Local History project underway, putting content online. Started a true crime book club meet on Saturday morning and it's popular, about 10 people attend and they want to meet monthly, alternating local crime with national. Age group around 30. Planning a Comic Con. Getting Acorn TV and a lazer cutter/engraver for makerspace.

MOVE TO ADJOURN: Cricket Hoekstra

SECONDED: Cherie Edmonds

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:05 pm

NEXT MEETING FIELD TRIP: Monday June 4 10 am at Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, Ann Arbor

ATTENDANCE

BELL - Amy Greschaw

CANT - Amy Lee

COMM - Cherie Edmonds

DHTN - Rob Butler

HAMB - Amy Crockett

MDHT - Krista K. Ghazar

MILF - Sarah Hatter

ORIO - Kathleen Kozlowski

PLYM - Katy Kramp

ROHL - Jessica Parij and Cricket Hoekstra

SOGT - Barb Kereszeting

SPRI - Kimberly Schaaf

TAYL - J. Whinihan

WHLK - Denise Harris-Fiems

WIXM - Karla Gibson

WYDT - Jakki Malnar and Kelly Ray

Submitted by

Karla Gibson, Secretary