

**C.O.R.E. Meeting  
January 18, 2007  
Rochester Hills Public Library**

**Attending:** Micheline Sommers, Shelley Sweier, Lucy Strand, Ellen Kieta, Christine Hage, Janet Trimbath, Nancy Mooneyham, Jim Kennedy, David Bates, Kelly Prout, Nancy Stocking, Kelly Bennett, Mary Kopchilk, Linda Sheets, Eugenia Bajorek, Jill Hollowell, Terry Mike, Helen Lindsay

**Call to order:** The Meeting was called to order by Micheline Sommers at 8:20 am

**Announcements and Community Events:** Members introduced themselves and told of any immediate events sponsored by their organization.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership: Sharon Collins forwarded a current membership list and it is available for those here today.,

Events: Jim Kennedy is still concerned about the Long-Range Calendar and urges all members to enter their information into the system. It is easy to do through the website.

Publicity: Kelly Bennett is working on getting our name out in the community to let everyone know what we do.

Programs: Nancy Mooneyham announced that this year, Programs would be given at every other meeting. She passed a list around for members to sign up for hosting our meetings since we have 3 openings for next year.

**C.O.R.E. Business:** Micheline suggested that we put together a welcome packet for new members to orient them to the organization. She also wants to have an instruction sheet for members on how to access the website. John White volunteered to do this.

We will institute a “problem of the month” to solve for our members. This month the question was how to keep the Media List current since so many media people change throughout the year. Kelly Bennett said she would send us this info so we can keep up-to-date. One can also send information to the media to a general area such as “Calendar” or “Community Desk” instead of an individual person. Contacting by e-mail is good because if it doesn’t arrive at its

destination, you will get it back so at least you'll know to try again. Christine had suggestions on how to effectively e-mail the press.

**Program:** John White, our "web guru" and creator of the CORE website, spoke to us about "Utilizing Our Website to Your Advantage" John went over the procedures for utilizing the CORE website, giving us tips on how to make the website a good tool for us.

**Host Presentation:** Christine Hage: Director, Rochester Hills Public Library:

This was an overview on the operation of the library, how it is funded and where it operates. They are not part of the government, but are a separate entity, and are governed by a Library Board.

They have 150 employees – mostly part-time. There are also about 150 volunteers.

There is a bookmobile (currently under repair!) that goes to the far reaches of the service area. Anyone with a library card can use the bookmobile.

All of the library's materials are free. Their numbers all went up last year and attendance and usage is up.

The children's area has filters for the pornography and gambling sites, but the best filter is the parent attending the child using the computer.

Self check-out machines have been installed. It was taking too long to check items in. Now materials get back on the shelves within 24 hours. The turn around time is less and is very helpful to the library and its patrons.

There are needs at the library to improve and refurbish the physical plant. The building is 15 years old. They also need more parking and a "Parking platform" to accommodate 130 cars is being considered. There is a need for more book space, for new materials. A planning process will begin in March on how to approach the funding issues to solve these problems.

**Adjournment:** Micheline thanked our speakers and adjourned the meeting at 9:25 am.

Next meeting is on February 15, 2007 at the RHPL. Hosted by RAYA.

Janet Trimbath, Recording Secretary