

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting
Applewood Estates
December 1, 2009**

I. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Eric Palmer; LaRene Klink; Desta Ureel; Kay Hurd; Karen Lambert; Kate Pohjola; Steven Flayer; Maureen Hirten; Tom Birch; Shirley Roos; Lise Mitchell; Josh Schu; Trish Dewit; Kay Schwartz; Melissa Barnard; Sheila Bissonnette; Kristen Valyi-Hax; Vera Anderson; Trish Burns.

Guests: Ruth Bryan; Roger Mendel; June Mendel; Virginia McKane.

Members Absent: Sandra Chavez (excused); Cheryl Cole (excused); LaRene Klink (excused); Mike Ugorowski (excused); Gale Nelson.

Co-op Staff: Denise Hooks; Irene Bancroft.

II. **Call to Order:** Denise called the December Advisory Council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the Applewood Estates.

III. **Approval of the October 6, 2009 Minutes:** Approved as submitted

IV. **Sharing by the Libraries:**

- a. **Holly Township Library:** Shirley reported that the board has approved a contract to replace the library roof.
- b. **Public Libraries of Saginaw:** Trish reported they are offering homework help and tutoring, partnering with professors at Saginaw Valley with student teachers volunteering to mentor.
- c. **Lapeer District Library – deAngeli Branch:** June reported that she is retiring effective December 4th.
- d. **Pere Marquette District Library:** Sheila reported that they are looking forward to starting several new projects.
- e. **Community District Library:** Josh reported that they recently hosted a fall festival to highlight the changes that have occurred in their library system. Mural being created at the Corunna branch by a local high school student. Santa visiting all the branches.
- f. **Shiawassee District Library:** Steven mentioned that they are still famous for the Internet Pornography issues. The Owosso branch is having heating issues with their very old heating system. Numerous programs for the holiday season being planned.
- g. **Baker College – Flint Campus:** Eric Palmer reported that their circulation has more than doubled for the current term. Eric invited everyone to visit the Flint Campus and the Dort Highway campus to see the holiday decorations.
- h. **Chippewa River District Library:** Lise mentioned that they are working on a revised Strategic Plan. Closed at Veterans branch January, February and part of March for renovations and moving of collections. Visiting townships to explain the change in service that will be coming in the new year for the areas currently paying for library service by contract.

- i. **Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library:** New fun things ongoing for the holiday season.
- j. **Dryden Township Library:** Desta mentioned that the village is celebrating Christmas this weekend with a variety of activities happening.
- k. **Almont District Library:** Kay mentioned the staff enjoyed decorating the library this year. Numerous activities happening through-out the library.
- l. **North Branch Township Library:** Karen announced that she will be retiring at the end of December. Annual gingerbread house event happening this month. Going forward with expanding the library with a new addition.
- m. **Lapeer District Library:** Kate mentioned that they have a new assistant director starting in January. Started a Book Bundles project where the library assembles a bundle of books on a variety of subjects. Looking at doing a re-structuring of how the library's fund balance is invested.
- n. **Bay County Library System:** Tom mentioned that they are in the midst of their annual Gift of Giving project partnering with several other organizations to provide gifts of books for underprivileged children. Numerous other projects happening, including planning for a millage renewal in 2010.
- o. **Capital Area District Library:** Maureen mentioned that Lance is still busy meeting with lots of people. Two new branch staff members hired. Gearing up for their millage election in 2010.
- p. **Grace A. Dow Memorial Library:** Melissa mentioned that the Friends of the Library recently received a gift from an estate and has given it to the library to buy new furniture and accessories for the mezzanine area. Design consultant looking at renovating the auditorium and entrance areas. Starting in January to provide in-house a lap-top for children under 18.
- q. **Grace A. Dow Memorial Library:** Virginia reported that they have a teen study group event that has been very successful. Battle of the Books was kicked off with a visit with children's author Deborah Wiles. The community loves this event that is in its 31st year.
- r. **Fenton Community Schools:** Trish mentioned that with the financial cuts that have happened over the years, professional media specialists have been eliminated in many districts. This year the Fenton district has reduced her book budget to approximately \$2,000 and eliminated several clerk positions. The school keeps the library open until 4:00 p.m. every day in partnership with the Fenton Parks & Recreation.
- s. **University of Michigan – Flint Campus:** Vera reported that the library is packed with students studying for final exams. Staff recently invited to utilize Google wave account. New programs in January to teach students how to utilize the library.
- t. **Northland Library Cooperative:** Roger mentioned that the Black Belt Librarian will be the guest speaker for the Spring Conference in Northland Library Cooperative.

V. **Guest Speaker Ruth Bryan, Applewood Estate Archivist:** Ruth shared a wonderful program on the Ruth Mott Foundation that included bits of information on Applewood and Mott family history.

VI. Director's Report:

- a. State Aid Update:** The news is grim and does not look promising for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
- b. Update on Library of Michigan:** Adjusting to being under the Department of Education. The staff has been moving boxes and desks back into the Library of Michigan administrative areas since the remodeling and asbestos removal project ended.
- c. Summer Reading Program 2010 Report:** Denise noted that approximately 250 performances have been scheduled. We are currently in the process of signing contracts and preparing the packets of confirmations.
- d. Spring Tour 2010 Update:** Denise mentioned that author Tim Smith (a.k.a. Buck Wilder) will be our guest for the Spring tour. Approximately 20 programs have already been booked, with another 20+ still in process.
- e. Upcoming Workshops:** Denise distributed information about the upcoming Workshops the cooperative will be sponsoring.
- f. Universal Service Fund:** Denise reminded members that the window for filing the Form 470 is quickly approaching.

VI. Annual Holiday Social: Members enjoyed a wonderful meal catered by Fandangle's of Flushing.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
Administrative Assistant

Next Advisory Council Meeting:

Tuesday, February 2, 2010
MMLC Offices 5th Floor Meeting Room
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.