

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative  
Advisory Council Meeting  
Mott Community College Library  
December 6, 2005**

I. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Trish Burns; Sue Hill; Laura Friesen-Lynn; Julie Chrisinske; Louise Goward; Betsy Hull; Kate Pohjola; Denise Hooks; Joanne Mondowney; Ken Uptigrove.

Members Absent: Charles Hanson (excused); LaRene Klink (excused); Val McNiff (excused); Bryan Cloutier (excused); Karen Lambert (excused); Desta Ureel (excused); Kay Hurd (excused); Melissa Barnard (excused); Shirley Roos (excused); Fred Paffhausen; Sandra Chavez.

Guests: Lesa Quiad; June Mendel

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

II. **Call to Order:** Roger called the December Advisory Council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

III. **Review of the Minutes dated October 11, 2005.** Approved as presented.

IV. **Library Sharing Time:**

**Trish Burns: Public Libraries of Saginaw** going live with MeLCat, along with other members of the Valley Library Consortium, by early in 2006. Conducting interviews for the Butman-Fish branch manager position. Long-time librarian Elinor Saunders has tendered her retirement request. Purchased a mobile lab for PLOS use, the lab was purchased after successfully using the Cooperative's mobile lab.

**Ken Uptigrove: Shiawassee District Library** redecorating the Owosso branch main floor, including the replacement of the carpeting. Researching the establishment of an endowment fund.

**Betsy Hull: Community District Library** recently finished the first portion of a Strategic Plan and has begun implementation. Recently the library held a Gaming night with MMLC's portable lab in Corunna; and a "mixology" night at the Byron branch for teens. A new employee was hired at the Byron branch.

**Louise Goward: Vernon District Library** still forging ahead with a new library facility, hoping to break ground in the spring of 2006. Halloween night successfully held a picture taking event taking pictures of groups Trick or Treating throughout the Village.

**Julie Chrisinske: Edna C. Bentley Memorial Library** planning for a visit from Santa later this month. Working on a Book Discussion Group, and on Computer Training sessions. In January, the library will be celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Currently they are working on a Technology Plan to satisfy USF requirement. A new roof being installed on the library this week.

**Sue Hill: Capital Area District Library** working with the Women's Expo as a co-sponsor in the Lansing area. The Smartest Card contest held in September was very successful. A poster in the Meridian Mall, featuring two Lansing area media celebrities promoting using the Library is one of the latest promotions.

**Laura Friesen-Lynn: UM – Flint** developing training on Library Literacy for students of the university.

**Kate Pohjola: Lapeer District Library** dealing with the issue of a homeless person who has adopted the library as his place of refuge. State Representative recently helped with Storytime at deAngeli Branch.

**June Mendel: Lapeer District Library** training on MelCal for all staff accomplished recently.

**Denise Hooks: Mott Community College** has been undergoing a massive re-construction project including asbestos removal, ceiling and lighting replacement and now new carpeting being installed, new seating arrangements, and walls being removed and lowered, and the addition of a coffee shop. Denise is celebrating her 25<sup>th</sup> year of working for Mott Community College.

**Joanne Mondowney: Flint Public Library** staff conducting a Extreme Make-over for the Staff Lounge. Reviewing their Strategic Plan. Bernice King, daughter of Martin Luther King, program was very successful, with a Flint Journal photographer's picture being picked up by a national magazine. Holiday Walk for the Community tonight. Sixteenth annual Winter Concert series begins January 22<sup>nd</sup>, with dance lessons and a Big Band concert event. One Book, One Community book will be "Pay It Forward".

#### V. **Director's Report:**

- a. Roger reported that the Executive Director position for Genesee District Library will be posted today.
- b. **Revised FY 2005-2006 Budget:** Roger reported that the Legislature did not cut State Aid to Cooperatives which has allowed the Cooperative to plan for some additional services such as a Publicity Campaign, additional workshop activities and a revision to the Cooperative's website. **Motion by Joanne Mondowney, seconded by Julie Chrisinske to forward to the MMLC Board a recommendation for approval of the revised FY 2005-2006 Budget. All yeas (10-0). Motion carried.**
- c. **Workshop Schedule for Spring, 2006:** Roger distributed information about upcoming training opportunities the Cooperative will be offering January – May, 2006.
- d. **Updates from around the state:** Nancy Robertson has been appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate as the State Librarian, for Michigan. Ms. Robertson will be the guest speaker at the May joint meeting for MMLC, and will be touring our Cooperative during the day prior to the meeting. The applications for Harwell Grants for Library Foundations are under review. Notable Michigan Books program will continue to be sponsored by the Library of Michigan. Sally Pettinger has been named Baker College System Director. Sandra Hollis has moved to a corporate library position in Missouri. Roger shared information on a Funding Initiative from PLFIG.
- e. **Gates Grants for new computers:** Roger reported that all public library members of the Cooperative have completed the inventory of Gates machines from the original Gates grants. The Library of Michigan will be moving forward with this project.
- f. **Committee Service Opportunities:** Roger asked members to sign up for service on several of the Standing Committees of the Cooperative.

#### VI. **Annual Holiday Potluck Social:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Bancroft  
Administrative Assistant

**Next Advisory Council Meeting:**

Tuesday, February 7, 2006  
Flint Public Library  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.