

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative  
Advisory Council Meeting  
Baker College – Flint Campus  
December 3, 2007**

I. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Shirley Roos; Karen Lambert; Desta Ureel; Sally Pettinger; Eric Palmer; JoAnne Mondowney; LaRene Klink; Betsy Hull; Louise Goward; Carolyn Nash; Julie Chrisinske; Denise Hooks; Maureen Hirten; Kristen Valyi-Hax; June Mendel.

Members Absent: Melissa Barnard (excused); Kay Hurd (excused); Trish Burns (excused); Ken Uptigrove (excused); Kate Pohjola (excused); Laura Friesen-Lynn.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

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

III. **Approval of the Minutes:** The October 2, 2007 minutes approved as presented.

IV. **Sharing by Libraries:**

**Denise Hooks: Mott Community College** Event Center is almost completed.

**Carolyn Nash: Genesee District Library** recently completed their Emergency Flip Chart as part of their safety plan. Received a Michigan Education Association grant for \$15,000 and will be partnering with several community schools and community centers.

**JoAnne Mondowney: Flint Public Library** participating in the annual Cultural Center Holiday Walk. Recently completed their Strategic Plan called Vision 2016: The Shape of Things to Come.

**Eric Palmer: Baker College Flint Campus** director welcomed everyone to the campus. Have had a very busy Fall.

**Desta Ureel: Dryden Township Library** recently hosted rehearsals for the community Holiday play. Changing hours of operation for Wednesdays.

**Karen Lambert: North Branch Township Library** hosting their annual Gingerbread House building party this next weekend.

**Maureen Hirten: Capital Area District Library** starts their non-resident fee on January 1, 2007. Millage campaign started for their August, 2008 election.

**Shirley Roos: Holly Township Library** participating in the Museum Adventure Pass co-sponsored by Macy's and Library of Michigan Foundation.

**LaRene Klink: Genesee Schools** held their annual book fair and saw a profit of over \$2000 in cash and books. Conducting a review of services for the school district.

**Julie Chrisinske: Edna Bentley Memorial Library** working on the transition to becoming a branch of Community District Library effective January 1, 2008. Enjoying a new circulation desk that was custom built by a Perry area company.

**Kristen Valyi-Hax: Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library** annual Friends of the Library Silent Auction raised over \$1200.

**Louise Goward: Vernon District Library** needs \$20,000 to complete funding of the new library. The money will be used to complete the lighting in the new building.

**Betsy Hull: Community District Library** finishing a series of computer classes. Planning an evening Library Lock-In for Teens. The new circulation system will be in operation in early January.

**June Mendel: Lapeer District Library** has enjoyed using the Cooperative Computer Lab to offer classes for the public. DeAngeli branch will be having new carpeting installed, after 17 years, in early January. June announced that Sandy Hinds will be retiring after 41 years.

**Shiawassee District Library:** Ken Uptigrove will be retiring at the end of December.

**V. Director's Report:**

- a. State Aid Update:** Roger reported that the state budget process has moved forward with the legislature finally passing a budget and the Conference Committee reached a final consensus on the final level of State Aid funding with only a 17% reduction.
- b. Revised FY 2007-2008 Budget:** Roger presented a memo containing the proposed changes to the 2007-2008 Budget based on a 17% reduction in state aid versus a 50% cut. Highlights include restoring full funding of delivery service, restoring the equipment purchasing option and additional funding for the Talking Book Center. In addition, we will be eliminating the Fund Balance distribution. Roger mentioned that the Cooperative needs to form a committee to review how to fund the Talking Book Center in the future. Roger pointed out that this service no longer serves the entire cooperative area, and that in the Statewide reorganization it is not a service being considered. Carolyn mentioned that there is a group of librarians from across the state that is meeting to discuss future funding of Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. **Motion by Julie Chriskinske, seconded by Shirley Roos to forward a recommendation to the MMLC Board to approve the proposed changes as presented. All yeas. Motion carried.**
- c. Summer Reading Update:** Irene announced that all Summer Reading performances have been scheduled for MMLC and for several members of Northland Cooperative. Over 150 programs have been scheduled. We are currently waiting for contracts from the performers. We have partnered with White Pine Cooperative and Mid-Michigan Library Cooperative to create a Summer Reading performers calendar of events for the libraries across the state. White Pine Library Cooperative is hosting the page on their web-site. Irene mentioned that if members have not submitted summer reading prize orders, that should be done by Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Michigan Library Association Restructure:** Roger mentioned that the restructuring process is moving forward. One of the main changes will be the use of special interest groups and work groups, and the elimination of several round-tables. Members will be asked to vote on the restructure in January.
- e. State Librarian's Cooperative Reorganization:** Betsy Hull reported that the committee organized by the State Librarian has met twice to work through the process of reorganizing the Cooperative structure in the state. The committee has formulated three different models for how cooperatives will look in the future. Once a master structure is formulated, the library community from across the state will have a chance for review and feedback. Since this new model will hinge on changes to the Public Act 89, the timeline for adoption is dependent upon Legislative action.
- f. Gates PAC Hug Grants:** Roger commended the members on submitting their applications for the second round of Gates grants. MMLC will be purchasing computers for several of our members and several Northland libraries.

**g. Universal Service Fund:** Roger mentioned that it is time to file Form 470 again.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to enjoy the annual holiday social.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Bancroft  
Administrative Assistant

**Next Advisory Council Meeting:**

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

9:30 a.m.

MMLC & Mott Foundation

5<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room