

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting
Kettering University – Heritage Room
August 5, 2008**

I. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Tom Birch; Trish Burns; Charles Hanson; Kristen Valyi-Hax; Maureen Hirten; Shirley Roos; Carol Warren; Karen Lambert; Kate Pohjola; Betsy Hull; Louise Goward; Denise Hooks; JoAnne Mondowney.

Members Absent: LaRene Klink (excused); Melissa Barnard (excused); Sandra Chavez (excused); Desta Ureel (excused); Kay Hurd (excused); Steven Flayer.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

Guests: Gretchen Couraud, Michigan Library Association; Julie Chrisinske; Dawn Olmstead-Swanson; Ann Baker.

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

III. **Michigan Library Association Update:** Gretchen Couraud, Executive Director of the Michigan Library Association, gave a brief update on the restructuring and current happenings at the Association. Gretchen discussed what is happening with Advocacy and the association's role with the Legislature. Gretchen also mentioned that a Director's Summit is being planned for November, 2008, and plans are being made to update the association's Strategic Plan in 2009.

IV. Director's Report:

- a. **State Aid Update:** Roger reported that the state aid is again at 10 million.
- b. **Future's Conference:** Roger announced that a Futures Conference is being planned by the Cooperative Directors Association.
- c. **Summer Reading Performers Showcase:** Irene mentioned that the Performers' Showcase has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th at the Fenton Community Center.
- d. **Spring Author Visits:** Irene mentioned that the Summer Reading Committee will be meeting September 10th, and will discuss the May Tour. Members are asked to send a letter of support to the MMLC Office indicating the number of programs they will be interested in hosting.
- e. **New Member Update:** Roger mentioned that the Chippewa River District Library, Coleman Public Library and Pere Marquette District Library have been given clearance by the White Pine Library Cooperative to leave and join MMLC, effective September 30, 2008.
- f. **Talking Book Center proposed changes:** Roger announced that the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Talking Book Center will be undergoing a change during the upcoming months. Lapeer & Shiawassee county patrons will be taken care of by the Library of Michigan Subregional. MMLC will withdraw as a subregional library and Genesee District Library will become a subregional library serving Genesee county residents only.

- g. **Plan of Service revisions:** Roger distributed information about proposed changes to the Plan of Service. Roger explained that change in membership and the change to the LBPH structure necessitates a change to the Board Representation process and to the Core Services listing. A meeting of the Plan of Service Committee will be held in August to draft revisions to the Plan of Service so that it can be presented to the MMLC Board at the September 11th meeting.
- h. **Proposed Changes to the FY 2008-2009 Budget:** Roger mentioned that the elimination of the LBPH funding, and the addition of the 3 new libraries will allow the MMLC Board make a few adjustments.
- i. **Northland Contract:** The MMLC and Northland boards have both indicated their interest in continuing the Interim Director arrangement for another year.
- j. **Director Search:** Roger mentioned that the Personnel Committee will be meeting in August to design the process of searching for a new director for the Cooperative and make recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee for a line item in the 08/09 MMLC budget.
- k. **Workshop Update:** Roger distributed information about a workshop MMLC and Public Libraries of Saginaw is sponsoring on Minority Genealogy Research.

V. Member Updates:

- a. **Betsy Hull: Community District Library** undergoing numerous changes. Auditors are currently at the library. Millage election today. Betsy will be going to Library of Michigan to be the Continuing Education Coordinator. Julie will be joining the Capital Area District Library as branch manager at the Webberville branch. Received a grant to support a Teen Movie program at the branches.
- b. **Louise Goward: Vernon District Library** moved into their new building in early June. An open house is planned for September 20. Louise is contemplating retiring in late October.
- c. **Charles Hanson: Kettering University Library** is included in the capital campaign for the university. The campaign will include a new library and a new campus center. The July House Tour sponsored by the Friends group was very successful.
- d. **Denise Hooks: Mott Community College** is fully staffed currently. Capital funding is being pulled together for the next round of renovations.
- e. **Kate Pohjola: Lapeer District Library** closed the deAngeli branch for a short time to re-carpet and move collections around for better space utilization. Summer Reading has ended. Microfilm reader printer for patron use being purchased.
- f. **Shirley Roos: Holly Township Library** considering the Valley Library Consortium membership. Summer Reading program completed.
- g. **Carol Warren: Genesee District Library** has gone live with Overdrive on-line products. Over 500 people registered for the service in less than two weeks. Branches are utilizing the Wii system with huge success.
- h. **Karen Lambert: North Branch Township Library** busy with summer reading programs. Added an additional evening hour.
- i. **JoAnne Mondowney: Flint Public Library** celebrated GM's 100th anniversary with cars on the lawn of the library. The Storytellers Festival, an Ice Cream Social on the lawn, a Blues Concert in connection with the Crim Race, and numerous activities has been ongoing this summer. The Renovation project is still continuing.

- j. **Kristen Valyi-Hax: Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library** launched their newly revamped website recently. Summer Reading went very well, despite Theresa being gone. Participated in the annual Blueberry Festival this past weekend.
- k. **Trish Burns: Public Libraries of Saginaw** will be hiring several new faces in the next few months. Neighborhood Renewal Services partnership providing information on the Jefferson Street area, partnership with the City on Cemetery records on-line project. Building fiber network for all the branches and the school system.
- l. **Tom Birch: Bay County Library System** has four of five branches open to the public. The bookmobile will be returning to the road soon. High priority to focus on marketing activities.
- m. **Dawn Olmstead-Swanson: Kettering University Library** sponsored a gaming night for students with Pizza and soda that was a huge success.
- n. **Maureen Hirten: Capital Area District Library** Capital Campaign election today. Summer Reading ending this weekend. Fiber optic to all the libraries ongoing.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
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Next Advisory Council Meeting:

Tuesday, October

9:30 a.m.

Mott Community College