

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
MMLC Office (5th Floor Meeting Room)
March 9, 2006**

MMLC Board Chair George Pratt called the March 9, 2006 meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

I. **Roll Call:** Board Members Present: George Pratt; Ann Ingles; Stuart Wilson; Jane Smith; Catherine Alberts; Charles Hanson, Tracy Collier-Nix; Harold Evans; Mathilde Slider; LaRene Klink.

Board Members Absent: Colleen Quain (excused).

Guests: Patti Evans.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

II. **Public Comments:** none

III. **Review of the Board Minutes dated January 12, 2006.** Approved as presented.

IV. **Review of the Financial Reports dated February, 2006.** Approved as presented.

V. **Board Committee Reports**

- a. **Budget and Finance Committee:** Ann mentioned that the Budget & Finance committee did not meet this month. Ann reported that the books have been reconciled and are in balance.
- b. **Personnel Committee:** Roger officially acknowledged that he was in favor of his evaluation being discussed in open meeting. Jane reported that the Personnel Committee had completed the Annual Review of the Director. The committee reports that the evaluations from public library members and board members were encouraging and positive in their responses. Committee report will be retained on file. **Motion forwarded by the Personnel Committee to accept the Committee Report on the Director's positive evaluation for the previous year. All yeas. (10-0). Motion carried.**

VI. **Old Business**

- a. **Review of the Strategic Plan:** George mentioned that the Advisory Council had forwarded a motion recommending that a Committee be formed, including Board members and Advisory Council members, to review the present Strategic Plan and recommend changes based on the current atmosphere in Michigan. **Motion by Charles Hanson, seconded by Jane Smith to expand the ByLaws / Plan of Service Committee to review the Strategic Plan and recommend updates to the current document. All yeas (10-0). Motion carried.**

VII. Director's Report: Roger referred members to the written report. Roger read a brief letter he receive complimenting Lois King on the wonderful service she gives patrons of the Talking Book Center, which is supported by the Cooperative. Ann mentioned that Roger's assistance has been invaluable as Genesee District Library moves through the process of hiring a new Executive Director. Roger reviewed the list of upcoming workshops, reporting that registrations are coming in very strong. Roger mentioned that he has interviewed two companies to re-design the Cooperative website to make it more interactive.

Board Comments: Stuart mentioned that Capital Area District Library reported that their Interlibrary Loan statistics have increased at an astounding rate since starting with MeL Cat. Jane reported that the Bay County Library System recently opened the new Wirt Library facility in downtown Bay City. George Pratt mentioned that he is now employed by the Almont District Library, and thus according to the MMLC ByLaws, he is required to tender his resignation. **Motion by Stuart Wilson, seconded by Jane Smith to accept with regrets George Pratt's resignation. All yeas (10-0). Motion carried.** Jane presented George with a service award for his years of service to the Cooperative board.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
Administrative Assistant

Next Board Meeting:

Joint Meeting of the Board and Advisory Council
Thursday, May 11, 2006
Genesee High School Media Center
5:00 p.m.