

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
MMLC Board Meeting
March 8, 2007**

MMLC Board Chair Jane Smith called the March 8, 2007 meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

I. Board Members Present: Jane Smith; Ann Ingles; Harold Evans, Mathilde Slider, Denise Hooks; Amy Schweitzer; Alma Staton; Tracy Collier-Nix.

Board Members Absent: Stuart Bush (excused); Jack Phipps; Catherine Alberts.

Guests: Patti Evans.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

II. **Public Comments:** none

III. **Review of the Board Minutes date January 11, 2007.** Approved as presented.

IV. **Review of the Financial Reports dated February 28, 2007.** Approved as presented.

V. **Board Committee Reports**

- a. **Budget and Finance Committee:** Harold reported the committee met prior to the Board meeting to discuss the proposed cuts to State Aid. Harold briefly discussed the impact the proposed cuts would have on the Cooperative budget. Roger distributed a preliminary budget for FY 2007-2008 based on the proposed State Aid.
- b. **Personnel Committee:** Roger acknowledged that his annual evaluation could be discussed in open meeting. Ann mentioned that the Personnel Committee met to review the Director's annual evaluation. Ann reported that the evaluations were all very positive and supportive of Roger as director of the Cooperative.

VI. **Old Business:**

- a. **Gates PAC HUG grant:** Roger mentioned that members have purchased their computers, and are in the process of spending the balance to purchase the last pieces of software. Roger reported that the balance of the grant funds is reserved for the Cooperative's use. A second wireless lab containing 11 computers, a projector and a whiteboard has been purchased.
- b. **LSTA Grant update:** Roger reported that the review process at the Library of Michigan is underway for the LSTA grant program. It is anticipated that announcements about programs approved for the LSTA grants will be announced by the time of the May board meeting.
- c. **Advocacy updates:** Roger distributed a Service Cost Estimates sheet that compares the current State Aid members receive directly and those services members receive from the Cooperative State Aid. The form also compares what would be available with the proposed 50% cut in State Aid. Roger mentioned that he testified at the Senate Budget Committee Hearings on February 28th on the proposed cuts to State Aid. Sue Hill from Capital Area District Library and Bryan Cloutier from Ruth

Hughes Memorial District Library also testified. Other members from MMLC in attendance included: Ann Ingles, Catherine Alberts, Carolyn Nash, Kate Pohjola, Desta Ureel and Maureen Hirten.

VII. Director's Report: Roger directed members to the written report. Roger mentioned that the MMLC website is under re-construction. Roger gave a brief overview of upcoming workshops being planned for trustees and member libraries. Roger encouraged attendance by board members at the State Librarian's town meetings being held in the area.

VIII. Comments:

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
Administrative Assistant

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Annual Joint Board & Advisory Council Meeting

Genesee High School

5:00 p.m.