

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
MMLC Board Meeting
June 13, 2008**

MMLC Board Chair Jane Smith called June 13, 2008 meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

I. Board Members Present: Harold Evans, Mathilde Slider; Jane Smith; Denise Hooks; Gail Kelso; Gwenda Motley; Ann Ingles; Alma Staton; Marilyn Soules.

Board Members Absent: Stuart Bush (excused); Catherine Alberts (excused); Amy Schweitzer.

Guests: Patti Evans; Desta Ureel.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

II. **Public Comments:** none

III. **Acceptance of Resignation: Motion by Denise Hooks, seconded by Ann Ingles to accept the resignation of Stuart Bush with regret. All yeas (9-0). Motion carried.**

IV. **Oath of Office:** Jane offered the oath of office to Marilyn Soules, representing Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

V. **Review of the Board Minutes date March 13, 2008 and May 8, 2008.** Approved as presented.

VI. **Review of the Financial Reports dated April 30, 2008 and May 31, 2008.** Approved as presented.

VII. **Board Committee Reports**

a. **Budget and Finance Committee:** Harold reported the committee met prior to the Board meeting.

i. **Motion forwarded by the Budget & Finance committee to approve continuation of the contract with Northland Library Cooperative for Interim Director. (9-0). Motion carried.**

ii. **Motion forwarded by the Budget & Finance committee to approve the proposed changes to the FY 2007-2008 Budget. All yeas (9-0) Motion carried.**

iii. Harold mentioned that the committee has reviewed the proposed budget and recognize that there is currently a potential deficit situation. The committee looked at several options to remedy the situation. The committee is recommending that Roger discuss funding for the Talking Book Center with Carolyn Nash, Director of Genesee District Library. The Advisory Council will review the proposed budget at their August meeting and make a recommendation to the Board.

- b. **Personnel Committee:** Ann mentioned that the Personnel Committee met prior to the Board meeting to discuss revision of the Personnel Committee. **Motion by the Personnel Committee to recommend adoption of the revised Personnel Manual. All yeas (9-0). Motion carried.** The Personnel Committee will be developing a plan for conducting a search for a new director.

VIII. New Business:

- a. **Membership Request:** The board tabled the discussion on the membership requests from Chippewa River District Library, Pere Marquette District Library, Coleman Public Library to join Mideastern MI Library Cooperative. Roger mentioned that the director of the White Pine Library Cooperative has raised some issues over the process and paper trail.
- b. **Update on the Director's Work Plan:** Roger reviewed the progress that has been made on the Work Plan for FY 2007-2008.
- c. **Update of Summer Reading Program:** Irene distributed copies of the program schedule, indicating that the Cooperative Office has booked over 275 programs for the season. Irene mentioned that the programs are off to a great start with attendance figures already looking good.
- d. **Update of Children's Author Tour:** Irene mentioned that the tour with author / illustrator David Biedrzycki was a wonderful success. There were 22 programs held with attendance reaching almost 3900 students and patrons.

IX. **Director's Report:** Roger directed members to the written report. Roger pointed out that the June issue of the Greater Lansing Business Monthly magazine is mostly about the Capital Area District Library including an overview of the services they offer and the upcoming Capital Improvement millage election. Roger mentioned that Bay County Library System is currently interviewing candidates and hope to have their search completed soon. Roger distributed a copy of a grant proposal that he is currently working on to submit to the Library of Michigan LSTA program. This would be a collaborative program with Mideastern MI Library Cooperative and Northland Library Cooperative to provide members with tools and programming to engage the growing 55+ population in our service areas. Roger mentioned that the State budget process is still being negotiated in the Legislature.

X. **Board Comments:** Gwenda mentioned that she has enjoyed her first year on the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
Administrative Assistant

Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, September 11, 2008
MMLC Office – 5th Floor
4:30 p.m.