

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Joint MMLC Board and Advisory Council Meeting
Genesee School District
May 8, 2008**

MMLC Director Roger Mendel called the May 8, 2008 meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roger invited guests to enjoy the meal catered by Creative Catering.

Roger introduced Jonathan Edison, CEO of Edison Speaks who spoke on “How to Stay Motivated in Challenging Times”. Jonathan encouraged attendees to be excited about the positive things in our life instead of letting the negative things take charge. Have an attitude of gratitude. Be honest with yourself at all times. Be positive all the time, all the time be positive. Celebrate yourself. Keep your emotional bucket full. Develop a health plan. Inject yourself with the 80/20 rule: 80% of your life is good; 20% of your life is bad, concentrate on the good. Remember that all you can do, is all you can do.

I. Board Members Present: Jane Smith; Harold Evans, Mathilde Slider, Gail Kelso; Amy Schweitzer.

Board Members Absent: Stuart Bush (excused); Gwenda Motley (excused); Denise Hooks (excused); Alma Staton (excused); Ann Ingles (excused); Catherine Alberts (excused).

Advisory Council Members Present: Mike Ugorowski; LaRene Klink; Louise Goward; Betsy Hull; Desta Ureel; Karen Lambert; Kristen Valyi-Hax; Kate Pohjola; Melissa Barnard; Steven Flayer; Carolyn Nash; Maureen Hirten; Shirley Roos.

Advisory Council Members Absent: Trish Burns (excused); Kay Hurd (excused); Sandra Chavez (excused); Kevin Ayala (excused); JoAnne Mondowney (excused); Laura Friesen-Lynn (excused); Sally Pettinger (excused).

Guests: Patti Evans; June Mendel; Lucille Couzynse; Margaret Bentley; Jonathan Edison; Jan Engler; Carol Flayer; Jan Watz.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

II. **Review of the Advisory Council Minutes dated April 1, 2008.** Approved as presented.

III. Discussion of Membership Requests from Chippewa River District Library, Pere Marquette District Library and Coleman Public Library: Roger briefly reviewed the history of the requests from Chippewa River District Library, Pere Marquette District Library and Coleman Public Library to join Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative. **Motion by Melissa Barnard, seconded by Steven Flayer, to forward a recommendation to the MMLC Board for acceptance of Chippewa River District Library, Pere Marquette District Library and Coleman Public Library effective August 31, 2008 into membership of Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative.**

Roll Call Vote:

Almont District Library

absent

Bay County Library System:	absent
Capital Area District Library:	yea
Community District Library:	yea
Dryden Township Library:	yea
Flint Public Library:	absent
Genesee District Library:	nay
Grace A. Dow Memorial Library:	yea
Holly Township Library:	yea
Laingsburg Public Library:	absent
Lapeer District Library:	yea
North Branch Township Library:	yea
Public Libraries of Saginaw:	absent
Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library:	yea
Shiawassee District Library:	yea
Vernon District Library:	yea

Yeas: 10 Nays: 1 Absent: 5 Motion carried.

IV. MMLC Board Chair, Jane Smith, called the May Board meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. It was noted that a quorum of the Board was not present.

V. Review of the Board Minutes date March 13, 2008.

VI. Review of the Financial Reports dated April 30, 2008.

VII. Board Committee Reports

- a. Budget and Finance Committee:** Harold reported the committee will be meeting in June to review the current fiscal year budget and to begin discussions for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year budget.

VII. 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.

VIII. Director's Report: Roger directed members to the written report. Roger gave a brief update on the State Librarian's Plan for the Future. State Librarian, Nancy Robertson reported that she was surprised at all the negative responses to the proposal. Nancy has indicated that the proposal has been tabled for now, and she does not have any plan for the near future. Roger reported that the House budget committee meeting has included an increase in State Aid for the new fiscal year. The Senate budget committee will be meeting soon to make their decision. Roger mentioned that on May 19th, Roger and Board chair Jane Smith will be attending a meeting in Saginaw with the other Cooperative Directors and Board chairs.

IX. Comments: none

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
Administrative Assistant

Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, June 12, 2008
MMLC Office – 5th Floor
4:30 p.m.

Next Advisory Council Meeting:
Tuesday, August 5, 2008
Kettering University
9:30 a.m.