

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative  
Advisory Council Meeting  
Mott Foundation Building  
February 2, 2010**

I. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Lance Werner; Lise Mitchell; Cheryl Cole; Mike Ugorowski; Melissa Barnard; Kelli Lovasc; Desta Ureel; Shirley Roos; Carolyn Nash; Steve Flayer; Kate Pohjola; Josh Schu; LaRene Klink; Kristen Valyi-Hax; Vera Anderson; Kay Schwartz.

Guests: Glenn Fischer; Melissa Malcolm.

Members Absent: Sandra Chavez (excused); Tom Birch (excused); Trish Burns (excused); Sheila Bissonnette; Gale Nelson; Kay Hurd.

Co-op Staff: Denise Hooks; Irene Bancroft.

II. **Call to Order:** Denise called the February Advisory Council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the Mott Foundation building.

III. **Approval of the December 1, 2009 Minutes:** Approved as submitted.

**IV. Director's Report:**

- a. **State Aid Update:** Denise reported that all members of the Cooperative filed their State Aid reports by the filing deadline.
- b. **Workshop Update:** Irene reported that the recent Millage Campaign workshop was highly successful. Irene reminded members about the Book Repair workshop in March and the Making Waves workshop in April. Denise distributed a survey about the upcoming Workshops the cooperative is considering offering starting in the Fall.

**VI. State of the Cooperative:**

- a. **Strategic Plan Review:** Denise thanked the members of the Strategic Plan Committee for their help in updating the plan. **Motion by Lance Werner, seconded by Kate Pohjola to forward a recommendation to the MMLC Board to approve the Strategic Plan as presented. All yeas (16-0). Motion carried.**
- b. **Financial Picture of the Cooperative:** Denise distributed a proposed budget for FY 2010-2011 along with a table with an overview of projected income / costs for the next three years. Denise reported that she is in the process of reviewing all vendor contracts, equipment needs and banking institutions. Denise announced that she is working with Ann Arbor Hands on Museum on a grant opportunity and mentioned that there is a need to investigate other grant and sponsorship options. Members discussed what the priorities are in individual libraries and how the cooperative could survive without the support of State Aid funding. Discussion was held about encouraging MLA to lobby for direct funding for MelCat vs. using the State Aid formula. Members discussed whether they need the Cooperative and how the membership will pay for the services offered by the Cooperative. Members asked the Cooperative to consider paying a portion of Delivery Service. Members suggested investigating Community Foundations to assist in the funding of Delivery Service

across the entire service area of the Cooperative. One recommendation would be for MMLC to create a message focusing on the regional aspects and the benefit to the individual constituency for funding focusing on Delivery service. Several members expressed their opinion that keeping the Director and Administrative Assistant employed is their priority. Denise will send the membership an email asking for a vote on whether the Cooperative should exist and the willingness to pay for the services offered by MMLC.

- c. **Meeting Calendar:** Denise distributed a copy of the proposed revised meeting schedule for the current year and a proposed meeting schedule for FY 2010-2011.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Bancroft  
Administrative Assistant

**Next Advisory Council Meeting:**  
**Annual Joint Board / Advisory Council Meeting**  
Thursday, May 13, 2010  
Mott Community College  
Prahl College Center – Applewood Cafe  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.