

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting
Flint Public Library
February 7, 2006**

I. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Trish Burns; Melissa Barnard; Pat Peterson; Shirley Roos; Denise Hooks; Sally Pettinger; Desta Ureel; Bryan Cloutier; Kay Hurd; Kate Pohjola; LaRene Klink; Sandra Chavez; Ken Uptigrove; Sue Hill.

Members Absent: Charles Hanson (excused); Karen Lambert (excused); Betsy Hull (excused); Julie Chrisinske (excused); Fred Paffhausen; Joanne Mondowney.

Guests: June Mendel

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

II. **Call to Order:** Roger called the February Advisory Council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

III. **Review of the Minutes dated December 6, 2005.** Approved as presented.

IV. **Library Sharing Time:**

Melissa Barnard: Grace A. Dow Memorial Library focusing on dinosaurs while *Dinosaur Sue* is at the Midland Center for the Arts. The library is heading into *Battle of the Books* time and the staff is ready for the increased number of students. Melissa reported that the staff is having problems with hand and wrist injuries at the workstations. In response, they will be having a series of workshops on Body Mechanics and how to use your body more safely.

Trish Burns: Public Libraries of Saginaw celebrating African American History month. Trish showed a copy of their newest *Smartest Card* posters. Trish mentioned that the Bay County Library will be opening their new Wirt Main library on February 14th.

June Mendel: Lapeer District Library starting their millage campaign meetings. A new storytelling person for the branches has been hired.

Pat Peterson: Genesee District Library Black History month programming starting, preparing for Women's History month. Adult author series has been very successful. Wireless capabilities are available at eight of the branches.

Sandra Chavez: Laingsburg Public Library in process of looking into purchasing the building adjacent in order to expand. The library staff conducted an in-service with the local school district on how to use MeL.

Shirley Roos: Holly Township Library has undertaken the huge project of indexing their local newspaper.

Sue Hill: Capital Area District Library recently participated in the Lansing area Women's Expo, hosting speaker *Design on a Dime* author Lee Stein. Also had a display of books for checking out and computers available for registering people on site. Program on *How to Sell on eBay* in January was very successful. Innovative Interfaces recognized CADL for their catalogue.

Denise Hooks: Mott Community College's Fireside Reading Program has been very successful. Moved back into newly remodeled and renovation areas in early January.

Sally Pettinger: Baker College System has many new faces: Sally is the new System Director, the new director at the Flint Campus is Eric Palmer.

Desti Ureel: Dryden Township Library has installed new curtains in the stage area. Family records are being scanned for online access.

Bryan Cloutier: Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library has not gone live with MeL Cat at this time, but is looking to go live later this year. A Quilt & Tea program is scheduled for later this spring.

Kay Hurd: Almont District Library busy working with the other Lapeer libraries on the millage campaign ; Renovation design has been approved by the Board. The library will be closing for two weeks in early June to complete the renovations. George Pratt has joined the staff as Technology Administrator, and is looking at the opportunity to provide wireless access.

Kate: Lapeer District Library working on details for the millage. All five libraries in Lapeer County will be going for a renewal and an increase in August.

LaRene Klink: Genesee Schools is welcoming a new Network Technician to the library media center.

Ken Uptogrove: Shiawassee District Library recently switched vendors for their automation provider. The library staff is continuing the process of digitizing the local *Argus Press* newspaper.

V. Director's Report:

- a. **Library Card Provider:** Roger mentioned that he will be meeting with a representative to investigate an opportunity for discounts at the Cooperative level with Rainbow Printing.
- b. **Legislation:** Roger mentioned that the Patriot Act has been extended, as written. Legislative Day will be held in May in Lansing.
- c. **Budget Hearings for State Aid:** Roger mentioned that the House appropriations committee will be meeting soon, with members of the Library community scheduled to testify.
- d. **Baseball Game Update:** Roger reported that the Ernie & Tram Support Libraries Baseball Game will be May 21st at Comerica Park with the Detroit Tigers vs the Cincinnati Reds. Roger mentioned that ticket sales will begin March 1st. Members discussed that the Cooperative needs to show the support for the program with the purchase of two tickets for each library system. There was consensus in the group to have the cooperative purchase two tickets for each public library to use in a promotion during National Library Week. Members also mentioned that the timing of the program is difficult because promotions for spring have already been started.
- e. **Workshops:** Roger reported that registrations for the upcoming workshop should be sent to the MMLC Office soon. Roger reviewed the workshops that are currently being offered.
- f. **Wireless Mobile Lab:** Roger mentioned that the Mobile Lab has been very successful and is booked months in advance. Members were reminded to contact the MMLC Office to book the lab for their workshop needs.
- g. **Michigan Notable Books Program:** Roger briefly reviewed the Michigan Notable Books program. Genesee District Library, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, Lapeer District Library and Shiawassee District Library have asked to participate in the program for 2006.
- h. **Summer Reading Program:** Irene reported that the programming for summer reading has been completed with over 150 programs schedule. Irene thanked LaRene Klink for handling the shipping of prizes from Genesee Schools. Roger mentioned

that the Cooperative is looking at the possibility of hosting a Performer Showcase in the fall as we begin the planning for Summer Reading 2007.

- i. **Spring Author Tour:** Irene reported that scheduling for the Spring Author Tour with Children's Author Jerry Pallotta is underway. Members were encouraged to visit his website at www.alphabetman.com.
- j. **Universal Service Funds:** Roger reminded members about the February 16th deadline for USF filing. Roger mentioned that he has had the opportunity to help several members.
- k. **Gates Computer Program Update:** Roger briefly updated members on the progress with the Gates Grant program.

VI. Strategic Plan Review: Roger mentioned that the current Strategic Plan was drafted and approved in 2001. Roger discussed the plan's presentation style, mentioning that it is not date driven, but broadly defines goals and objectives. The current plan calls for the Director to develop a work plan annually that promotes the attainment of certain objectives and goals. Members agreed that the goals and objectives as a whole are still on target, with only a few areas needing updating. Members agreed that a one day committee review session would be appropriate. **Motion by Sue Hill, seconded by Melissa Barnard, that a committee composed of Board Trustees and Advisory Council members be convened to review and revise the present MMLC Strategic Plan. All yeas. (20-0). Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
Administrative Assistant

Next Advisory Council Meeting:
Tuesday, April 4, 2006
Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.