

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting
Holly Township Library
October 3, 2006**

I. Roll Call: Members Present: Margaret Bentley; Carolyn Nash; Kate Pohjola; Shirley Roos; Betsy Hull; Louise Goward; Kevin Ayala; Bryan Cloutier; Karen Lambert; Desta Ureel; LaRene Klink; Sally Pettinger; Julie Chrisinske; Sue Hill.

Members Absent: JoAnne Mondowney (excused); Melissa Barnard (excused); Kay Hurd (excused); Trish Burns; Sandra Chavez.

Guests: Eric Palmer.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

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

III. August 1, 2006 Minutes. Accepted as presented

IV. Sharing by Libraries:

Sally Pettinger: Baker College started classes last week, with student count projected as the third largest college in the state. Mel Delivery participant. MelCat participant at two campus beginning in January.

Eric Palmer: Director of the Baker College – Flint Campus.

Margaret Bentley: Shiawassee District Library held a successful Carnival Day as the final part of Summer Reading at the Owosso branch. Recently hired a new Children's Librarian.

Carolyn Nash: Genesee District Library has recently formed a library security committee. Re-opening the Beecher branch soon. Staff In-service day scheduled for October 9th.

Kate Pohjola: Lapeer District Library concentrating on the millage vote scheduled for November.

Shirley Roos: Holly Township Library welcomed everyone to the Holly Library. Recently the library was re-carpeted. The library is looking at new circ systems and library cards.

Betsy Hull: Community District Library survived the recall of the Bendable Cat & Dogs from the Summer Reading program. Storytime starting in all branches this month. Betsy mentioned that the saga continues at the Administrative office with heat issues, the building in foreclosure and lots of other issues.

Louise Goward: Vernon District Library building project has completed half with the outside shell now complete. An open house is scheduled for mid-October.

Julie Chrisinske: Edna Bentley Memorial Library wrapped up a very successful Summer Reading program that included a teen program and an adult program. New server and computers have been installed. New teen activities included a movie time. The board is exploring different governance and finance options for the library.

Kevin Ayala: Bay County Library System also has a millage vote in early November, which amounts to 60% of their operating finances. They continue the search for a new director and now have 9 applicants. Planning a staff in-service day for Spring of 2007.

Karen Lambert: North Branch Township storytime starts this week. Recently started using a new library cards.

Bryan Cloutier: Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library has an unemployment workshop scheduled in November. They are working on a grant with the Hispanic Services Center. Millage election in November and a committee is working on getting a Yes vote.

Desta Ureel: Dryden Township Library concentrating primarily on the millage election in November.

LaRene Klink: Genesee Schools starting a Superintendent search and developing a 'sinking fund' millage campaign.

Sue Hill: Capital Area District Library looking at a Building Improvement program for next year. Millage passed in August by 65% margin. Sue related several issues that have been happening at the Mason branch, including flooding.

V. Director's Report:

- a. **FY 2006-2007 Meeting Schedule:** Roger distributed a copy of the meeting schedule for the upcoming year.
- b. **Service Committees for FY 2006-2007:** Roger distributed a copy of the Committee Service opportunities for the upcoming fiscal year. Roger mentioned that the Plan of Service, Grant and Resource Sharing committees will be active this year in reviewing and revising plans.
- c. **Summer Reading Program update:** Irene mentioned that the Summer Reading Committee met in September to discuss the 2005 program and the upcoming 2006 program. Committee members agreed to utilize the multi-state theme *Get a Clue @ the Library* for the children's program and *YNK: You Never Know* for the teen program. Irene mentioned that a Showcase Workshop has been scheduled for November 2nd at the Grace A Dow Memorial Library in Midland.
- d. **Spring Tour update:** Irene mentioned that MadCap Puppets is scheduled to be on tour beginning May 1st. Since these are very large, life-sized puppets, room size is a major consideration.
- e. **Gates PAC HUG grants:** Roger distributed information about the Gates PAC Hug grant program. This year the funds will be distributed through the Cooperative. Each cooperative will administer the funds and will help facilitate the purchasing of equipment, as needed.
- f. **USF Updates:** Roger reminded everyone that the date to begin filing the Form 470 is approaching.

- g. Updates from around the state:** Roger will be attending the MLA Conference scheduled for next week. Roger encouraged members to read the blogs from Marian the Librarian promoting the Rural Conference scheduled for May, 2007.

VI. Workshop Discussion:

- a. Conflict Resolution Workshop:** MMLC is co-sponsoring with the libraries in Lapeer County a workshop on Monday, October 9th with Maureen Burns. Members from across the cooperative are encouraged to send staff.
- b. PR Doctor program** will be offered in the spring in conjunction with Public Libraries of Saginaw's staff day.
- c. Other Workshop Suggestions:** Shirley mentioned that the *HR Smart Strategies* workshop she attended at White Pine with Madeline Adie was good, and would be helpful to host locally. A workshop on Millage Campaigns was suggested. Mel Training was suggested for Spring. Readers Advisory program; Teen services; New Technologies and how to utilize them. Members asked for a refresher class on QSAC.

VII. LSTA Grants Discussion: Roger reminded everyone that competitive LSTA grants will be available this year through Library of Michigan. Discussion was held about possible grant ideas for individual libraries and at the cooperative level. Due date is January 31, 2007.

VIII. Advocacy Discussion: Roger mentioned that there is a need for an advocacy committee to develop an Advocacy Plan for the cooperative.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft

Administrative Assistant

Next Advisory Council Meeting:

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

University of Michigan – Flint Thompson Library

9:30 a.m.

(Annual Holiday Potluck Social follows meeting.)