

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting
Capital Area District Library – Webberville Branch
April 3, 2007**

I. Roll Call: Members Present: Sue Hill; Carolyn Nash; Kevin Ayala; Trish Burns; Margaret Bentley; Kate Pohjola; Desta Ureel; Karen Lambert; Bryan Cloutier; Kay Hurd; Louise Goward; Betsy Hull

Members Absent: JoAnne Mondowney (excused); Julie Chrisinske (excused); LaRene Klink (excused); Barb Rheinhardt (excused). Shirley Roos (excused); Sandra Chavez.

Guests: Maureen Hirten; Cheryl Miceli.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

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

III. February 6, 2007 Minutes. Accepted as presented.

IV. Sharing by Libraries:

Trish Burns: Public Libraries of Saginaw full slate of activities for the month of April including a Dance Dance program for teens. Author visit with Jeannette Walls for One Book, One Community program. Service member reunions being hosted at the libraries; Self-protection workshops being held in the near future.

Kevin Ayala: Bay County Library System millage election date has not been set formally, but looking at November as the earliest. Qualified for a \$25,000 grant for program for early learning.

Kate Pohjola: Lapeer District Library .9 mills going to be asked for at the upcoming millage election. Two DDA's have agreed to waive the capture, the third DDA will discuss the possibility of a waiver.

Betsy Hull: Community District Library went live with the new Horizon circulation system with the Valley Library Consortium in February. Recently finished a series of business and finance workshops that were highly successful. Michigan Notable Author visit in May. Acoustic Night at Byron branch proved to be a great program. Edna C. Bentley Memorial Library has petitioned to join Community District Library.

Louise Goward: Vernon District Library new computers have been installed. Hoping to open the new library soon.

Margaret Bentley: Shiawassee District Library just finished programs on self-publishing that were extremely successful.

Sue Hill: Capital Area District Library recently hosted author visit with Scott Turow, author of their One Book, One Community novel. Authors E. Lynn Harris and Elizabeth Berg will be visiting the library in April. CADL Library Board is considering instituting a non-resident fee in the near future.

Carolyn Nash: Genesee District Library Annual Volunteer event being held on April 13th ; author visit with “Marley & Me” author; resume classes scheduled. May 8th Millage election. Installing a generator at the Headquarters location and video security cameras being installed at all branches.

Kay Hurd: Almont District Library looking at the possibility of joining Valley Library Consortium for the circulation system and eventually MeL.

Karen Lambert: North Branch Township Library annual Easter Egg coloring program at the library on Good Friday.

Desta Ureel: Dryden Township Library home school groups using the library to produce a local theatre production and a science fair, the school is also using the library stage for their upcoming Theatre production.

Bryan Cloutier: Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library Friends of the Library Spring Tea & Quilt Show. Preparing for the May 8th Millage election.

Shirley Roos: Holly Township Library lost their law suit with the DDA capturing monies which has resulted in the DDA capturing 5 years of funds in one fiscal year. Shirley is healing well from her accident in February, and thanks everyone for the calls and cards.

IV. Director’s Report:

a. State Aid Update: Roger reported that testimonies have been given at both the Senate and House committees on the impact cuts to state aid will have on libraries. As of today, we still have a 50% cut in state aid projected for next fiscal year.

b. Update of Cooperatives Statewide: Roger mentioned that Capital Cooperative members have decided to seek membership in other neighboring cooperatives. The Northland Library Cooperative director has tendered her resignation; Becky Cawley has been contacted to serve as a consultant to assist in developing a plan for the future.

c. Summer Reading Programs: Roger mentioned that all the prizes have been sent to members. The Pizza Hut coupons are ordered and are expected to arrive in mid-May. All programs have also been scheduled and are under contract.

d. MMLC Website Project: Roger announced that White Pine Library Cooperative web manager Sheila Good has completed a draft of the new website. She will be at the Cooperative Office April 16th and 23rd to do training. The official launch of the website will be at our May 17 meeting.

e. MadCap Puppets Tour: Roger thanked Sue Hill and Trent Smiley at Capital Area District Library for the wonderful posters and postcards that have been created for the tour. Roger mentioned that we were successful in offering some of our extra programs to neighboring libraries from The Library Network Cooperative and White Pine Library Cooperative.

f. Upcoming Workshop Opportunities: A trustee training will be held at the Bay County Wirt branch on April 14th ; Marketing as a Team Sport workshop will be held at the Temple Theatre in Saginaw on May 11th .

g. PAC HUG Gates grant update: Roger distributed an update of where we are in the expending of the PAC HUG funds. The second wireless lab was purchased

using PAC / HUG funds. We expect the second lab will be put into service beginning in May.

h. Notable Books Update: Roger reported that five of our members will be having Notable Book author visits in April and May.

i. State Aid Reduction Discussion: Roger distributed a summary of responses to the survey Roger sent electronically to member directors. Twelve responses were received. Delivery remains the major service members agree is the most important service provided by the Cooperative, with Summer Reading Program support and Continuing Education workshops being of next importance. Members suggested putting together a projected budget for two fiscal years.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Bancroft

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Next Advisory Council Meeting:

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Joint MMLC Board & Advisory Council Meeting

Genesee High School

5:00 p.m.