

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
MMLC Board Meeting
June 11, 2009**

MMLC Board Chair Harold Evans called the June 11, 2009 meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

I. Board Members Present: Harold Evans, Mathilde Slider; Robert Cierzniewski; Gloria Nealy; Marilyn Soules; Gwenda Motley; Janet Engler .

Board Members Absent: Gail Kelso (excused); Alma Staton (excused); Amy Schweitzer (excused).

Guests: Jeff Johnson; LaRene Klink; Jayla Motley; Lexi Engler.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel, Irene Bancroft.

II. Public Comments: None

III. Review of the Board Minutes date May 14, 2009. Approved as presented.

IV. Review of the Financial Reports dated May 31, 2009. Approved as presented.

V. Board Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee: Marilyn reported that four candidates were interviewed. The final two candidates' professional credentials, criminal backgrounds and references were checked and verified. **Recommendation from the Search Committee to forward to the MMLC Board two candidate names for consideration for the position of director.** Marilyn also reported to the board the following information about the two candidates:

- i. Candidate #1:** academic librarian serving as director of a Community College for over 20 years; former member of the MMLC Board, currently a member of the Michigan Library Consortium board;
- ii. Candidate #2:** currently employed by Library of Michigan (under 1 year); 8 years experience as a public library director at various locations.

Committee members discussed the strengths each candidate would bring to the position.

Motion by Marilyn Soules, seconded by Janet Engler to vote by paper ballot for the position of director. All yeas (7-0) Motion carried.

Jeff collected and tallied the ballots.

Motion by Marilyn Soules, seconded by Robert Cierzniewski to offer the position of director to Denise Hooks. All yeas. (7-0) Motion carried.

Jeff reported that Harold would negotiate the final offer with Denise. Jeff mentioned that the employment contract and personnel policies are currently at Joseph & Associates attorneys for review.

Jeff Johnson and Marilyn Soules excused themselves from the meeting. (5:30 p.m.)

b. Finance Committee: Motion by Robert Cierzniewski, seconded by Tillie Slider to approve the recommended changes to the FY 2008-2009 budget as presented. All yeas. (6-0) Motion carried.

VI. New Business:

- a. Update on FY 2008-2009 Director's Work Plan:** Roger presented an update to his plan originally presented in October, 2008. The final FY 2008-2009 plan will be presented at the September, 2009 meeting.
- b. Summer Reading Update:** Roger mentioned that 257 programs were scheduled through the Cooperative office for the 2009 Summer Reading season. The programs are now underway and reportedly going very well.
- c. Children's Author Tour Update:** Roger reported that the 2009 May Tour was a huge success with 47 performances in three weeks and over 3000 attendees.
- d. Plan of Service Update:** Roger reported that the revised plan of service is now being reviewed by the Boards of our membership. Once a majority of the members have approved the revised plan, it will be sent to the Library of Michigan for final approval.
- e. Workshop Updates:** Roger mentioned that the recently held workshop on Social Networking with Sonya Norris was well attended. Attendees gave very positive reviews and thoroughly appreciated the workshop.

VII. Director's Report: Members were directed to the written report. Roger reported that Northland Library Cooperative is planning to hire a part-time director. Roger mentioned that there was no new information on the State Aid funding cuts for the current fiscal year, nor any additional information about the 2009-2010 Fiscal year budget allocations. Roger mentioned that he would be attending the Cooperative Directors meeting on June 12th in Lansing.

VIII. Board Comments: none

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
Administrative Assistant

Next Regular Board Meeting:
Thursday, September 10, 2009
MMLC Office Building, 5th Floor meeting room
4:30 p.m.