

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative Board Meeting  
Baker College – Flint Campus  
October 14, 2004 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.**

MMLC Board Chair George Pratt called the December 2004 meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**I. Roll Call:** Board Members Present: George Pratt; Ann Ingles; Stuart Wilson; Harold Evans; Tracy Collier-Nix; LaRene Klink; Catherine Alberts.

Board Members Absent: Colleen Quain; Jane Smith; Karen Stanko; Charles Hanson.

Guests: Patti Evans, June Mendel.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel, Irene Bancroft.

**I. Oath of Office:** George offered the oath of office to Catherine Alberts.

**II. Public Comments:** none

**III. Review of the MMLC Board Minutes dated October 14, 2004.** Approved as presented.

**IV. Review of the Financial Report dated November 2004 and December 2004.** Approved as presented.

**V. Board Committee Reports:**

- a. **Budget and Finance Committee: Motion by Stuart Wilson, seconded by Tracy Collier-Nix to approve the Resolution for the Lease Agreement with Signature Ford Lincoln Mercury Jeep. All yeas (6-0). Motion carried.** Committee members agreed to meet prior to the January Board meeting to discuss the Annual Meeting.
- b. **Personnel Committee:** Stuart reported that the Personnel committee reviewed the Director's Evaluation form. The form will be sent from the Cooperative Office by the Administrative Assistant and will be due back to Jane Smith by February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Roger mentioned that after the evaluation, the Director's contract would be reviewed.

**VI. New Business**

- a. **Delivery Service Update:** Roger reported that the Statewide Delivery Service has been very successful with few problems reported. Roger mentioned that the MelCat circulation system is scheduled to begin operation on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Several of our members will be taking advantage of a MelCat training at Michigan Library Consortium.
- b. **The Harwell Project:** Roger reported that Ernie Harwell was announced that he will be partnering with the Library of Michigan Foundation and public libraries to help raise funds for libraries. The May 15<sup>th</sup> Tigers game at Comerica Park will be designated as Library Day, with special prices on tickets. Half of the cost of tickets at this Tigers game will be donated to the Library of Michigan Foundation. At the local libraries, an opportunity is being developed that will allow libraries to sell Ernie Harwell's baseball memorabilia collection pieces. The library and the Harwells on a 50/50 split will share the proceeds from sales of memorabilia. Mr. Harewell will also be available for guest visits.

**VII. Director's Report:** Roger referred members to the written report. Roger mentioned that the Mobile Computer Lab has been reserved by several of our members. Other members are being encouraged to consider how they might utilize this equipment. Roger mentioned that the Author Tours with Doug Allyn and Roland Smith were very successful. Other programs currently planned include a Children's Concert Tour with Gemini in May, 2005, and a tour with Children's Author Jerry Pallotto in May, 2006. Roger distributed a preliminary copy of the Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds! 2005 Summer Reading performance schedule. Roger announced that motivational speaker Maureen Burns will be the guest speaker at the May, 2005 joint Advisory Council / Board meeting.

**VIII. Board Comments:** Harold reported that author Ken Follett donated 4,400 pieces of his research to the Saginaw Valley College. Ann mentioned that Mr. Follett was also a guest of the Genesee District Library – Fenton Branch. George shared information concerning trends in reading. George mentioned that State Librarian Christie Brandau has tendered her resignation to accept a position as State Librarian in Kansas. Board members offered their condolences to the Quain family on their recent loss.

The Board adjourned to enjoy a Holiday Social.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Bancroft  
Administrative Assistant

**Next Board Meeting:**  
Thursday, January 13, 2005  
MMLC Office – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Mtg. Room  
4:30 p.m.