

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
MMLC Board Meeting
March 13, 2008**

MMLC Board Vice - Chair Ann Ingles called the March 13, 2008 meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

I. Board Members Present: Harold Evans, Mathilde Slider; Denise Hooks; Gail Kelso; Gwenda Motley; Ann Ingles; Alma Staton.

Board Members Absent: Stuart Bush (excused); Catherine Alberts (excused); Jane Smith (excused); Amy Schweitzer (excused).

Guests: Patti Evans; Desta Ureel.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

II. **Public Comments:** none

III. **Review of the Board Minutes date January 10, 2008.** Approved as presented.

IV. **Review of the Financial Reports dated February 29, 2008.** Approved as presented.

V. **Board Committee Reports**

a. **Budget and Finance Committee:** Harold reported the committee met prior to the Board meeting. **Motion forwarded by the Budget & Finance committee to renew the lease with Mott Foundation Building. All yeas (8-0). Motion carried.** Harold mentioned that the budget report, starting next month, will begin showing the percentage received / spent.

b. **Personnel C ommittee:** Ann mentioned that the Personnel Committee met with Roger prior to the Board meeting to discuss the Annual Director's Evaluation. Roger acknowledged that the evaluation could be discussed in open meeting. **Motion by the Personnel Committee to recommend the Director receive his contractual salary increase of 3.5% and a \$1500 bonus to be added to his SEPP account. All yeas (8-0). Motion carried.**

VI. **New Business:**

a. **Edna Bentley Memorial Library: Motion by Denise Hooks seconded by Ann Ingles to rescind the membership of the Edna Bentley Memorial Library, and recognize their membership in the Community District Library. All yeas (8-0). Motion carried.**

VII. **Old Business**

a. **Cooperative Re-organization update:** Roger briefly reviewed the letter that Ann Ingles and Stuart Bush drafted to the State Librarian about our concerns over the proposed re-organization plan. The letter opposing the re-organization as presented, was sent to State Librarian Nancy Robertson, and to the director of HAL, Dr. William Anderson. The letter was also posted to Ms. Robertson's electronic blog.

Roger distributed a copy of a resolution that has been drafted confirming that the Mideastern MI Library Cooperative is not in support of the proposed plan. **Motion by Harold Evans seconded by Tillie Slider that MMLC adopt the proposed resolution to oppose the State Librarian's Proposed State Aid Model as currently proposed. All yeas (8-0). Motion carried.** Roger mentioned that State Librarian Nancy Robertson, at the recent Directors Summit, announced a few details about how money for state aid might be distributed to public libraries under the new plan. Denise suggested that the Distribution document be posted to the MMLC website. Jane suggested that a document be drafted showing how state aid is currently spent by the Cooperatives. Jane suggested that the document could be used to present information to Legislators.

Director's Report: Roger directed members to the written report. The Northland mini rural conference is being planned for April 23rd in Petoskey. Irene reported that the Spring tour with Author / Illustrator David Biedrzycki is quickly coming together. David will be touring May 13th – 24th, which is when Children's Book Week occurs.

VIII. Board Comments:

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
Administrative Assistant

Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, May 8, 2008
Annual MMLC Board / Advisory Council Meeting
Genesee High School
5:00 p.m.