

Advisory Council Meeting
February 16, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present: Tracy Aldrich; Corey Friedrich; Diane Moyer; David Conklin; Greg Hayes; Kelli Lovasz; Kay Schwartz; Anne Heidemann; Maria McCarville; Kay Hurd; Amy Churchill; Scott Duimstra; Jami Cromley; Dina Mein; Kim White; Miriam Andrus; Jill Sodt.

Members Absent: Trish Burns (excused); Sheila Bissonnette (excused); Sandra Chavez; Gale Nelson; Cheryl Davenport; Patrick Mullane; Rochelle Zimmerman; Glen Birdsall; Vera Anderson.

Staff Present: Eric Palmer; Irene Bancroft.

- I. Call to Order: Eric called the February Advisory Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Approval of the October 6, 2020 Minutes: Motion by Dave Conklin, seconded by Corey Friedrich to approve the minutes as presented. All yeas. Motion carried.
- III. Director Report:
 - Annual State Aid Reports: All MMLC public library members successfully filed their reports. Library of Michigan staff are in the process of reviewing all submissions.
 - The Board approved the revised FY2020-21 Budget as presented. The revised budget includes reinstatement of the Technology & Innovation Grant to public library members; and the COVID Grant to all members in good standing.
 - The Annual MMLC Board and Advisory Council meeting traditionally held in May, has been cancelled. The MMLC Board felt the risks with the COVID pandemic and the resulting restrictions for gathering would make the joint meeting difficult. The MMLC Board will meet virtually to complete board business.
- IV. Administrative Specialist Update:
 - Irene has continued to book programs for members. Eighteen virtual programs were scheduled October – January, with 15 actually hosted. An additional 195 programs have been booked with 45 different presenters. Only 3 libraries are currently anticipating hosting in-person events this spring and summer.
 - Irene has attended several virtual workshops, concentrating on new program ideas for the next year of programming options.
- V. Members shared information about things happening in their libraries and communities.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Bancroft
Administrative Specialist