

Minutes of the August 25, 2011 MMLL Board Meeting called to order at 10:08am

ROLL CALL

Present: Mary Edens, Harriet Bieri, Donna Bronkema, Tiffany Haight, Dale Priester, Jeannette Fleury, Lisa Leedy, Jim Lawrence

Absent: Helen Dewey, Jan Manley-both excused

Board welcomed/introduced Harriet Bieri from Evert as Group 8 representative

MINUTES

Edens moved to accept the minutes 5/26/11, Haight supported. Motion was unanimously carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Lawrence reviewed the Supreme Court decision regarding Herrick vs. Library of Michigan.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Priester moved to accept and place on file the May, June and July 2011 financial reports, supported by Bronkema. Motion was unanimously carried.

REPORTS

Personnel committee has not met.

Finance committee has not met.

Director's Report

- ⤴ Lawrence read the Director's report, including State Aid report. Farwell picked up another township and some areas have experienced a population increase which we hope will balance the 7% cut from State Aid.
- ⤴ Jim reminded all of the Foster Swift trustee webinar series.
- ⤴ Co-op Directors are looking at new ways for accountability including a Dashboard system. A paid survey would likely have to be done with the money coming from the Co-op Director's Assoc.
- ⤴ Advisory Council had a small turnout. Penal fines are down in many areas. This is negatively affecting service in many areas (Evert is reducing their hours, Manistee is furloughing the employees for 5 days, etc). Summer reading attendance was up in most places.
- ⤴ Jim detailed upcoming workshops

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Final State Aid payment will not come until our 12th month of business. Census numbers will be in in October. Per capita rate should be about \$.22 or so.

NEW BUSINESS

Edens moved, Leedy supported making the following budget changes as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Personnel/payroll will be reduced by \$4200. Professional/Contractual will be increased \$3000 to cover the RIDES program. Dues will be raised by \$1900 to cover changes in subscriptions. Workshops budget will increase by \$1500 to cover Strategic Planning session. Bad Debts line item will increase by \$25. Contingency fund will be reduced by \$25 to cover the Bad Debt. Depreciation line item to be raised \$300. Jim estimates we

will end up with close to \$10,000 in surplus.

BOARD COMMENTS

- ⤴ Bronkema wondered if we were still planning to belong to OCLC. Lawrence said yes for now, but we pay monthly and can cancel at any time.
- ⤴ Edens mentioned her librarians are looking into changing to Evergreen software and is looking for input on making the changes.

Priester moved we adjourn supported by Leedy at 11:24. Motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Leedy