

**Mid-Michigan Library League Board of Trustees
Minutes of Thursday September 20, 2012 Meeting**

Present: Helen Dewey, Mary Edens, Tiffany Haight, Dale Priester, Jan Manley, Lisa Leedy and Director James Lawrence

Absent (all excused): Jeanette Fleury, Donna Bronkema, and Elsie Connor

Many of the Advisory Council attendees were present at the MMLL Board Meeting.

Call to Order: With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 12:15pm by Chairman Mary Edens.

Roll Call: Six Board Members and the Director present.

Acceptance of Minutes: The minutes of the August 23rd, 2012 meeting were accepted (motion by Priester/Leedy).

Public Participation and Communications: Jim read a letter from Group 6 Trustee Jan Manley, who is resigning from the Board. She has served since 1970. Metta Lansdale (TADL) shared an article from the *Record Eagle* about Traverse Area District Library's newly remodeled lobby.

Approval of Agenda: Accepted, with the addition of discussing the formation of a Bylaws/Membership Committee under New Business (Plan of Service Review).

Financial Reports and Approval of Bills: Leedy moved to accept the August Purchases Journals. Supported by Manley. Motion was unanimously carried.

Personnel Committee Report: None

Finance Committee Report: The Finance Committee spoke over the phone about the 2012-2013 budget.

Communications Committee Report: The use of Skype at meetings has been discussed.

Director's Report: James Lawrence, Director, handed out a written report, which is on file. He discussed topics in the report. After revisions, the report will be posted on the MMLL website.

State Aid: There is an 11% increase in State Aid (per capita rate \$.24921).

RIDES Delivery: MMLL has paid for 2 day delivery for members that have requested MCLS RIDES Delivery Service. MCLS demanded full payment for the full year of service.

OCLC: Per our request, OCLC is analyzing cost/pricing for MMLL's subscription. The price has stayed roughly the same, while usage rates have decreased over the years.

2012-2013 Calendar: The Calendar for Meetings and Holidays for 2012-2013 was presented.

MLA Conference: The MLA's Annual Conference will be in Dearborn November 7-9. Gretchen Couraud is leaving MLA following the annual conference.

Renaissance Zone: Public Libraries have been receiving Renaissance Zone reimbursements.
Plan of Service: The Board will be presented with the Plan of Service and will need to approve it.

Webinar: MMLL and Superiorland will be co-sponsors to a webinar presented by Kathy Dempsey, author of the Accidental Library Marketer. This webinar will be held on October 25 (cost and time TBA).

Misc.: Jim went to Idlewild Library to meet with candidates running for the Library Board.

Unfinished Business:

State Aid: As mentioned above, we will see an 11% increase.

Interlibrary Loan: Right now, the League pays \$14,000 for their OCLC subscription, which has a 50% fill rate. Jim has asked OCLC to re-evaluate the subscription cost, since we're not using it as much as in the past. The Advisory Council recommended to the Board that they discontinue OCLC services and contract with White Pine for interloans. The Council also recommends a trial of 6 months, stricter guidelines when filling out information about each book requested, and updates from Director Jim Lawrence. Motion to accept the recommendations by the Advisory Board was made by Leedy and supported by Priester. Motion was unanimously carried.

New Business:

Budget: A motion to approve the 2012-2013 MMLL Budget as presented was made by Haight and supported by Dewey. Motion was unanimously carried.

Calendar: The calendar was amended to reflect that November 15th will be the date of the Joint Meeting of the Advisory Council and MMLL Board. The meeting will be at the Traverse Area District Library. Motion to accept the 2012-2013 Calendar with the amended November 15th meeting was made by Priester and supported by Leedy. Motion was unanimously carried.

Plan of Service: A motion to accept the Plan of Service, as presented, was made by Leedy and supported by Manley. Motion was unanimously carried. Chairperson Mary Edens recommended that a Bylaws/Membership Committee be formed. Dale Priester will chair the committee. MMLL Board members Mary Edens and Lisa Leedy will also be on the committee, along with Advisory Council members Metta Lansdale (TADL), Nanette Miller (Elk Rapids), and Sylvia Merz (Leland).

Trustee Comments: Lisa Leedy posted a link about Performa-Fest on the List Serv.

Adjournment: Manley moved we adjourn, supported by Leedy at 1:05pm

Submitted by Tiffany Haight, Secretary of the Board