

Mid-Michigan Library League
Advisory Council
Thursday May 10, 2012

Present: 8

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jim Lawrence at 10:10 am

Public Participation: None

Communications: None. Several of the members attending asked for a discussion on personnel policies and benefits and that topic was added to the agenda.

Agenda:

Old Business:

1. **State Aid:** Legislature added 370,000 or 400,000 to State aid bill for 2012-2013. The legislation must still get pass the conference committee to iron out differences.

State Aid for 2011-2012 fiscal-year is being paid out in the order which the annual reports to the state were filed. The state hopes to have all the state aid paid by July 2012.

2. Discussion on the proposed changes to the Personal Property Tax law was discussed. Some formula to replace at least 80% of the money is in the works. out relatively soon. All the paperwork has been filed.

3. Staples Advantage program for discount buying was discussed and a discussion on local providers was held.

New Business:

1. Breif discussion about the Small and Rural Libraries Conference. Many liked the ereader workshop that was held.

2. Each of libraries present talked about their summer reading programs and shared ideas. Lego's and video games and school kickoffs were mentioned. Elk Rapids had over 100 kids from the schools.

3. A general discussion was held comparing personnel policies and benefits for employees at the libraries represented. New directors were asking for advice and comparisons to give them a base line for comparison.

4. The meeting adjourned for a tour of the Elk Rapids Library at about 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,
James W. Lawrence