

## Mid-Michigan Library League

### Advisory Council Minutes

**Regular Meeting of: March 21, 2013**

**I. Call to Order at:** 10:05 AM by Chair Metta Lansdale. The meeting was attended by representatives from 12 libraries.

**II. Public Comment:** None

**III. Communications and Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved as prepared

### IV. Old Business

A. State Aid for the current year 2012/13 was discussed. J. Lawrence reported that 17 libraries had received their state aid payments through the end of February. Library of Michigan seems to be processing reports and making payments at a faster pace than last year.

B. Changes in the Personal Property Tax laws were discussed. Several attendees were not aware that the legislature had passed the changes in the law that may result in the repeal of some kinds of Personal Property Taxes. The new law has language for reimbursement of 100% of the revenue for critical services by allowing for an assessment and 80% reimbursement of less critical services. It is all based on the outcome of a vote of the people in the summer of 2014. The Michigan Library Association is monitoring this closely as many details will need to be worked out.

C. Changes in the OCLC Interlibrary Loan procedures for MMLL members were discussed. J. Lawrence handout a draft copy of the procedure manual that will be used. Members will either be able to continue to have Jack search their OCLC requests or they will be able to enter their own searches. There will be a \$3.00 charge for OCLC searches. It is hoped to have the new system up and running in April. Each library will be emailed a copy of the procedure manual. The new form is ready to post on the website as soon as the manual is finalized.

### V. New Business

A. State Aid for 2013/14 –Status Update: J. Lawrence reported that the Governor’s Budget proposal was released in February. The Governor has proposed the same amount as was appropriated during the current. This marks the first time in several years that no cuts to library funding were proposed by the Governor. Now it is up to the legislature to pass a budget—which they hope to have done by June.

B. Library Service Contracts: This topic was brought to the group by several libraries that are having problems with library service contracts with nearby townships. To summarize the discussion: Some townships are unwilling to pay more than penal fines , even if it is below the 3/10ths of a mil

equivalency that is required to qualify for state aid. Some have contracts that only specify penal fine money while others have contracts that require penal fines plus so much per capita payments (such as \$1.00 or \$5.00 per person in the contract service area). And, some townships do not want a contract for services, saying that their citizens can buy a library card for service. Or, they threaten to go to another area library for services that is willing to take less money.

We have decided that there is more to talk about and members agreed that we should bring this topic back for more discussion at the next meeting in May.

Chair Metta Lansdale invited the Advisory Council to meet at the Traverse Area District Library and the next meeting will be held on May 9, 2013 at the Traverse Area District Library.

**Program:** Garry Olson of Kent Records management did a presentation on digitizing local resources for preservation and access. Local newspapers, yearbooks, old microfilm and photographs are prime items for digital preservation projects.

**VI. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at about 11:30 AM and was followed by the meeting of the Mid-Michigan Library League Board.

Minutes prepared by James Lawrence