

MID-MICHIGAN LIBRARY LEAGUE-ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting - 10am August 14, 2014 at the Cadillac-Wexford County, 411 S. Lake St., Cadillac, MI 49601.

Tentative Agenda

I. Call to Order Chairperson Diane J. Eisenga called the meeting to order at 10 am. Present: R. Deery, C. Tacoma, D. Alward, J. Lawrence, MMLL Cooperative Director. K. Williams arrived later.

II. Communications and Agenda approval—Additions or Changes:

Tacoma moved to accept agenda, 2nd by Deery.

III. Old Business:

- State Aid: 2013/2014 - update on payments: RIDES payments were made after State Aid was received.
- Summer Reading Programs: All libraries have completed SRP. Tacoma said the library used a new software for SRP and Tracy Logan, Children's Librarian, could demonstrate it if Advisory Council members were interested.

IV. New Business:

- State Aid: 2014/2015 – Final Approved funding level: Rate will remain the same.
- Renaissance Zone Reimbursements—Approved funding levels: For libraries that receive this reimbursement, the amount will remain the same.

Lawrence said MPSERS payments were going out from Library of Michigan to those libraries that deal with that pension plan. Some comments on MPSERS were added. Houghton Lake may be done now due to a retirement last year but McBain still works with that system.

- Presentation on Mango Languages by Ryan Lucia, Account Executive: Lucia presented a good overview of Mango and invited all to use the free demo. Jim will send out a password so that members may take advantage. Lucia mentioned that there is a new billing structure and he hoped libraries will follow up to see actual costs for their library. He reiterated that discounts will be offered!
- Anything Else That May Properly Come Before the Members: A trustees workshop will be held on the Open Meetings Act on September 11 at 5:30-7:30 pm at the Traverse Area District Library. Lawrence will follow up with further information. Lawrence also mentioned the email message regarding LM4X, an e-Newsletter, issued by Library of Michigan. Sign up via that recent email to receive it.

Tracy Logan, Children's Librarian at Cadillac-Wexford County Library, was invited in to present a short overview of the Evanced Solutions software used for Cadillac's SRP this summer. The software was \$1,100 for one year. Cost is based on population served. The software reduced dedicated staff time and provided good statistical and record keeping options. Logan was very positive about the cloud-based software and saw many advantages with its use.

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An article in Wall Street Journal (8.13.14) regarding Amazon and libraries was noted for interested Advisory Council members to read.

Cadillac-Wexford is using Hoopla and will continue to report on the product so that Advisory Council members get a good idea of the product and how it might work for their libraries.

- Discussion was held about the lack of attendance at MMLL Advisory Council meetings. Very long drive for both vendors like Mango Languages and the Advisory Council members that attend to have only 4 library staff in attendance.

Next Advisory Council Meeting will be a joint meeting of the MMLL's Board of Trustees and the Advisory Council on September 18, 2014 at the Cadillac Wexford Public Library.

V. Adjournment: Deery moved to adjourn at 11:25 am, 2nd by Tacoma.

Minutes prepared by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna J. Alward".

Donna J. Alward