

**Mid-Michigan Library League Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Thursday November 15, 2012 Meeting**

Present: Mary Edens, Tiffany Haight, Dale Priester, Lisa Leedy, Jeanette Fleury, Donna Bronkema, Gay Budinger, David Robinson and Director James Lawrence

Absent (excused): 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 11:20am by Chairman Mary Edens.

**Roll Call:** Eight Board Members and the Director present. We welcome new Board Trustees Gay Budinger (Group 2) and David Robinson (Group 6).

**Acceptance of Minutes:** The minutes of the September 20, 2012 meeting were accepted (motion by Leedy/Priester).

**Public Participation and Communications:** Jim brought up the personal property tax (more information under *Unfinished Business*)

**Approval of Agenda:** Accepted

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

**Personnel Committee Report:** None

**Finance Committee Report:** None

**Communications Committee Report:** None

**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: The portal for filing annual reports/state aid applications with the state is open.

Everyone is encouraged to log-in to make sure user names and passwords work correctly.

OCLC: After a request from the MMLL, OCLC will not drop the price of the subscription. The League will be dropping the subscription and contracting with White Pine to fill OCLC requests.

MLA Conference: The conference was well attended and the Interim Director was introduced.

The search for a permanent director has started.

Webinar: 30 people registered for *The Accidental Library Marketer* webinar. It is archived for those interested. There was no cost to member libraries for this webinar.

New Auditor: The accounting firm of *Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth* of Traverse City was hired to complete the MMLL audit. Tentative date for the audit has been scheduled for December 10, 2012.

501c(3) Status: MMLL has been informed by the IRS that their 501c(3) status has been revoked.

The IRS changed the qualifications and reporting requirements a few years ago, making it impossible for the League to complete the annual Form 990 that is required.

Misc: Renee Kelchek is the new Director for the Interlochen Public Library. Jeanette Fleury and Jim Lawrence met with directors from Group 9 to discuss needs and activities. Library millages passed in Barryton and Seville Twp. Shelby Area District Library's millage renewal in one township failed. Idlewild elected a new library board, but their operating millage failed by 10 votes.

### **Unfinished Business:**

State Aid: The Governor will present a 2 year budget in the new future.

Interlibrary Loan: The League hopes to partner with White Pine by 2013 to process OCLC requests for member libraries. As White Pine will have a larger volume of requests than what they are accustomed to, negotiations need to be made to make this a smooth transition

Directors' Co-op: At the meeting, the personal property tax was discussed. The Governor is looking at options for reimbursements, and wants to resolve this as soon as possible. Penal fines should be good, as 75 new police officers have been hired. United Way gave a presentation at the meeting. United Way hopes libraries will be willing to help people file for public assistance on library computers.

### **New Business:**

Auditor: As mentioned in the Director's Report, a new audit firm has been hired.

Election of Officers: We have a slate, which will be voted on at the Board of Trustees meeting in January. Nominations are as follows: Mary Edens for President, Lisa Leedy for Vice-President, Tiffany Haight for Secretary, and Dale Priester for Treasurer. The nominations were accepted by acclamation.

### **Trustee Comments:**

There will be a craft/idea table at the Performer's Showcase in January, which will be held at the Kalkaska United Methodist Church. Attendees are encouraged to bring craft ideas for summer reading programming, as well as programming for all times of the year. Attendees are asked to bring a sample of the craft and instructions.

**Adjournment:** Edens adjourned the meeting at 12:20pm

Submitted by Tiffany Haight, Secretary of the Board