

Mid-Michigan Library League
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2022
Cadillac Wexford Public Library
10 a.m.

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Diane Eisenga, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Call to Order: Cindi Place (Group 1); Debra Greenacre (Group 2); Tracy Logan-Walker (Group 3); Diane Eisenga (Group 4); Eric Smith (Group 5); Lois Langenburg (Group 6); Sarah Welch (Group 8); Patty Rockafellow (Group 9)

Members Absent: Valerie Church-McHugh (Group 7)

Also Present: Sheryl Mase, Director, MMLL

Approval of Agenda: M/S Place/Rockafellow to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: M/S Smith/Place to approve the minutes from March 17, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Public Participation and Communications: Cindi Place, Chair of the Advisory Board, reported that they discussed the annual meeting in September. The board discussed Kanopy and the discount currently available. Overdrive is moving to a new I.P. address and the membership was reminded to change addresses on their websites and to check in with their ILL providers. The Michigan Library Association has created online resources to help libraries deal with material challenges called 'MI Right to Read'.

The Grant Committee has finished its tasks for the year and all the grant money has been allocated.

The Youth Services Committee has taken a break for summer reading and are planning for an in person meeting in October. A shared document for summer reading program ideas is available on the MMLL google drive. The committee has been discussing a co-op wide battle of the books. They are considering a different date for their regular meeting to encourage more participation.

Financial Report: M/S Rockafellow/Place to approve the purchase journals from 3/22 and 4/22. Roll Call: Place- Aye; Greenacre- Aye; Logan-Walker- Aye; Eisenga- Aye; Smith- Aye; Langenburg- Aye, Welch- Aye; Rockafellow-Aye

M/S Place/Logan-Walker to accept the Financial Reports for 3/22, and 4/22. The motion passed.

Director's Report: The Director shared that issues with the ECF provided iPads and Chromebooks have been resolved. Instructions and a recording of the set-up webinar are available to the membership.

The Director also updated the board about the RIDES renewal issue that is affecting the Upper Peninsula. RIDES courier ProMed has a subcontract with Walt Co. to provide delivery in the U.P. Walt Co. increased their price and that cost increase was passed along to U.P. libraries exclusively. The Director expressed her concern over this equity issue and has been working to have the issue addressed. At this time, Walt Co. has threatened to cancel the contract entirely. Dissatisfaction over this situation

and other RIDES issues was expressed by board members. The Director will continue to push for a solution to this issue.

The Director announced her intention to retire in the fall or early winter of 2022. The board expressed their appreciation for her superior efforts and her accomplishments in her tenure with MMLL. A discussion of the best way to handle this retirement and the hiring of a new director ensued.

Committee Reports:

Finance: No meeting/report. The Finance Committee consisting of Valerie Church McHugh (Group 7), Eric Smith (Group 5), and Lois Langenburg (Group 6) will meet on July 14 at 10 a.m. in Ludington with the Director to discuss the 2023 budget.

Personnel: No meeting/report. The Personnel Committee consisting of Debra Greenacre (Group 2), Diane Eisenga (Group 4), and Sarah Welch (Group 8) will meet June 9 at 9 a.m. via Zoom to address the hiring of the next co-op director.

Strategic Planning: No meeting/report. The board agreed strategic planning would need to wait to be addressed after the hiring of a new director.

Old Business: M/S Logan-Walker/Place moved to empower the Personnel Committee to 1.) Create a timeline for the hiring of a new co-op director 2.) Revise the director's job description, 3.) Create a job advertisement for the co-op director's position and post it 4.) Assess candidates for interview.

The motion passed.

New Business:

The Annual Luncheon Meeting will be held on 9/15/22 at Caberfae in Harietta, MI. Cindi Place, Laura Jacobson-Pentces (LeRoy Public Library), and Sarah Welch have volunteered to help co-ordinate the event.

Scott Garrison, Director of MCLS has offered to attend a MMLL meeting to inform the membership of MCLS services. The board agreed this offer would be best accepted next spring.

Public Comment: None

Advisory Council Comments: None

Board Member Comments: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:22 a.m.