

MMLL- Advisory Council

Minutes 8/12/2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am.

COMMUNICATION:

Jim Lawrence received notice that Barb Stenger retired from Luther Public Library. Carolyn Rorabaigh has been hired as her successor. Amy Bontenko is leaving Reed City Public Library. Kathy Kirch has retired from Cadillac Wexford District Library and Cathy Tacoma assumes full directorship.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Department of History, Arts, and Libraries will retain the Library of Michigan's Genealogy Collection and the Library for the Blind resources. While the collections will be contained in a limited area, the building will remain available for public use.

The first State Aid payments have been dispersed. Payments are the same amount as last year. Second payments should be received before the end of September.

It was expected that 2<sup>nd</sup> round BTOP grantees would have been notified of awards by the end of July. That has not happened and there has been no notice of the reason for delay.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mid Michigan Library League has received information on bulk barcode discounts from METCOM, Inc. Single barcode labels are \$19.00/M and double barcodes are \$28.00/M. Interested parties should contact Jim Lawrence at the MMLL.

Mel Delivery has been renewed by MMLL. Some libraries may receive invoices from ProMed because of bookkeeping details. Please fax /send these notices to Jim's attention at MMLL.

Upcoming workshops are in the planning stages. "Mel Database" workshops (including one that concentrates on teen resources), "Lean Libraries-working more efficiently" and "Putting your library on Facebook."

There are proposed changes to Michigan's Library Law. Rewrites of the County Library Law and Village Library Law are being considered to clarify funding roles.

The joint meeting of the MMLL Board and the Advisory Council will be held September 23, 2010. Representatives from DALNET will be on hand to discuss the KINDLE, NOOK, and IPAD. Location has not been finalized. If you have a meeting room and would like to host this meeting please contact Jim. Those in attendance at this meeting agree that they enjoy visiting other libraries and locations they might not otherwise see.

#### ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Fife Lake has solidified their agreement with TADL and will be able to add morning hours 2 mornings/week. A new Yoga program sponsored by the Friends has been successful.

Houghton Lake has been chosen as a stop on the National Traveling exhibit, "Lincoln-the Constitution and the Civil War". Houghton Lake is one of three libraries in Michigan to receive this honor. Everyone is invited Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 1-5PM.

Missaukee has discovered substantial cost savings through online bill payment. The Battle of the Books program was extremely successful and recommended.

Leroy Library had a very successful Summer Reading Program. Registration and attendance has increased this year.

Benzonia Public Library has added more events and projects sponsored by the Friends.

All in attendance agree that the Advisory Council Meetings are important to our operations and we take away valuable information, contacts, and materials.

PROGRAM: The attendees enjoyed a very interesting, animated presentation by Michigan authors David Anthony and Charles David Clasman. We had to opportunities to purchase books at a substantial discount and to book author visits.