

Mid-Michigan Library League Board of Trustees

Thursday Sept 22, 2011

Present: Helen Dewey, Lisa Leedy, Mary Edens, Tiffany Haight, Jan Manley, Harriet Biery, and Director James Lawrence.

Absent (excused): Jeanette Fleury, Dale Priester, Donna Bronkema

Call to Order:

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 12:30 by Vice Chairman Mary Edens.

Roll Call: Six Board members and the Director present. Also, a number of members of the Advisory Council were present. Metta Lansdale arrived for the Board meeting.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the Aug 25, 2011, meeting were accepted (motion by Haight/Biery).

Public Participation and Communications: none

Approval of Agenda: Accepted

Financial Reports and Approval of Bills:

The Monthly Report for August was accepted by the Board by acclamation after a motion by Leedy/Dewey.

The Purchase Journal for August was accepted by the Board by acclamation after a motion by Dewey/Leedy.

Personnel and Finance Committee Reports: The committees have not met. At the November Board meeting we might realign committee memberships.

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.

The Cooperative Directors will conduct a statewide survey to help with planning and advocacy and to facilitate the creation of a Library Cooperative Dashboard. [A dashboard is a user interface that, somewhat resembling an automobile's dashboard, organizes and presents information in a way that is easy to read.]

EBSCO is offering a group discount for NoveList, a readers' advisory database. The MeLCat subscription ends Sept 30.

Foster Swift continues the webinars aimed at Trustees. They are archived on the Foster Swift website and can be viewed at a later date.

Library of Michigan will not appeal the Herrick decision.

For the Movie Licensing USA group discount, a library needs to submit a count of users active during the past year. This is not the same as circulation count or patron count.

Unfinished Business:

State Aid for FY 2010/2011 Update - Second half payments should be made to all libraries by Sept 30. This payment is lower than the first half payment.

State Aid for FY 2011/2012 - will be about 7% less than what was received this year.

Population shifts between the 2000 census and the 2010 census will also make a difference.

New Business:

Budget for FY 2011-2012 - Leedy/Haight moved the budget be approved. Passed by roll call vote with all AYEs. On the revenue column, the budget includes \$17,000 from Fund Balance.

Calendar of Meetings and Holidays for MMLL - Manley/Leedy moved the calendar be adopted as presented. Passed by acclamation.

Annual Review of Plan of Service - The Board is continuing the Strategic Plan process. A facilitator led a strategic planning session following the Board meeting August 25. The next session will follow the November 17 Board meeting. In the meantime, Board members responded to questionnaires.

Trustee Comments:

Helen Dewey reminded the Board that elections for Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary will need be held at the next meeting. The Bylaws limit terms in an office to 2 years in succession.

Mary Edens commented that she liked hearing the comments from the Advisory Council. [Items mentioned at the Advisory Council meeting included: no more WorldCat on MeL Databases after Sept 30; abolishing personal property tax will reduce millages; holding some meetings at other libraries is desired; Summer Reading Programs; Evergreen; Kindle and UpNorth Overdrive; Disc Golf; problems with RIDES delivery; Facebook; Battle of the Books; and upcoming programs.]

The Nov 10 Advisory Council meeting will have a presentation by MCLS about Evergreen.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. (motion by Leedy)

Helen Dewey, Secretary of the Board