

MMLL Advisory Council Meeting
September 27, 2022, 10:00am
Meeting Notes



1. Call to order, Introductions

2. Director's Report

- Sheryl Mase said the exchange of information between her and incoming director Jennifer Balcom is going well, and Jennifer will be coming once a week to the office during October for more orientation/preparation, and then she will take over beginning November 1, 2022.
- (Sheryl is very thankful to everyone for the wonderful sendoff at the annual luncheon – so much kindness, so many sweet gifts!)

3. Committees

- Current committees of the Advisory Council are:
 - eResources Committee
 - Maker Team
 - Youth Services
 - Continuing Education
- Committee membership can change for FY23 – think about volunteering!
- Committees – do you have questions for the member survey? Send to Sheryl (smase@mml.org) asap.

4. Specific topics

- Cindi Place (Bellaire) will send out more information on the possible tool lending library grant opportunity for a program that was piloted at Boyne City --CAKE CISMA (Charlevoix Antrim Kalkaska and Emmet Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area). There is a survey here: <https://forms.gle/RNL1tBe1thx8qaLd9>
- There is a survey currently open for those who attended the MMLL Annual Luncheon Meeting – see <https://form.jotform.com/222645080085150>
- Another survey is coming, and will cover the current services at member libraries, preferences for continuing education offered by the co-op, other services you would like to see offered by the co-op, etc. *** If you want questions included on the survey, contact Sheryl asap at smase@mml.org

5. Member updates:

- Laura Jacobson-Pentces (LeRoy) – the library has been closed for a week in order to replace all the flooring
- Kathleen Rash (Hart) – a patron wants to pay for a print subscription to “Epic Times” for the library (far right publication). They will follow their collection development guidelines and provide balance.
- Julie Preneta (Leelanau) – visitor numbers drop in the “off” season for them; a Great Decisions discussion group will begin soon; they have a millage vote in November for .5 mills
- Patty Rockafellow (White Pine) – they had a little fright about their loan for the new library that is now resolved, which is good because work has already begun on the new facility! A “ground breaking” celebration will be held Thursday, 9/29/22, 6:30 p.m. They finally have their own EIN – yay.
- Laura Marion (Missaukee) – they had a great program on the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald by Mike Fornes
- Eric Smith (Mason County) – they have two open positions that have been posted and six interviews will be held this week
- Justine Peterson (Seville) – she is having a birding program at a community park, plans for a spooky Halloween story walk. She uses Better World to take donated books, but they won’t take all and she was asking others for suggestions. Try Baker & Taylor, Arms of Love, Goodwill...
- Jean Gaskill (Surrey) – had a successful book sale (\$1,300); asked about Amazon invoicing situation, since they will no longer use Synchrony. Sheryl will send out clarification on Amazon business accounts to everyone.

6. Other

- Do we want rotating collections like we had previously (Large Print)? Maybe an audiobook on CD collection?
- Do we want the co-op to pay for professional memberships?
- Can we have a presentation on what memberships are available and what the benefits would be?
- Anyone with a Ploud website that is stuck – Cindi at Bellaire offered to help!

Upcoming meetings:

- Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022 10:00 AM (formal)
- Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022 10:00 AM (formal)