

Mid-Michigan Library League
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2023
Cadillac Wexford Public Library
10:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Diane Eisenga, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Cindi Place (Group 1); Tracy Logan-Walker (Group 3); Diane Eisenga (Group 4); Eric Smith (Group 5); Lois Langenburg (Group 6); Valerie Church-McHugh (Group 7); Sarah Welch (Group 8); Justine Peterson (Group 9)

Members Absent: Debra Greenacre (Group 2)

Also Present: Jennifer Balcom, Director, MMLL

Approval of Agenda: M/S Place/Church-McHugh to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: M/S Place/Church-McHugh to approve the minutes from March 16, 2023 Board Meeting as amended. Motion passed.

Public Participation and Communications: Member Place spoke for the Advisory Council. The A.C. is soliciting for more information regarding the memberships desire for training on topics of library leadership. The mini grants cycle has closed for the year. In 2023, there will be once application cycle. In 2024, there will be a second cycle added in the fall. Nineteen applications were submitted, all were funded. One was partially funded. The e-resources committee is investigating Kanopy for the membership.

The youth services committee is hosting an in person meeting and training in May.

Financial Report: M/S Place/Lagenburg to approve the purchase journals from 3/23. Roll Call: Place-Aye; Logan-Walker- Aye; Eisenga- Aye; Smith- Aye; Langenburg-Aye, Church-McHugh- Aye, Welch-Aye, Peterson- Aye

M/S Smith/Place to accept the Financial Reports for 3/23. The motion passed.

Director's Report: Director Balcom informed the board that the Library of Michigan is running behind on state aid payments and paperwork due to staffing issues. MMLL will invoice co-op members as soon as the mastersheet of payments has been made available from the state.

A seventh consortium (**I didn't write down the name- sorry!**) has joined the overdrive reciprocal borrowing agreement.

For libraries with Amazon Business accounts, training webinars are available. These webinars provide info that can save libraries money on supplies.

The youth services May meeting has 16 sign ups so far. The Director informed the board that the cost of catering has risen dramatically for even simple meals like sandwiches. The league will need to discuss at alternatives or discuss the possibility of passing along some of the cost to attendees in the future.

Co-op directors from around the state have signed a letter of thanks for the Michigan Attorney General for her public condemnation of the Lapeer prosecutor's threat to file criminal charges against the Lapeer Library Director for resisting censorship.

The results of a survey of Michigan residents to gauge their response to materials challenges will be made available to co-op directors. They are meeting on the afternoon of 4/20/23 to discuss them and then the results will be made available to the general library community. The Director is optimistic about the results.

Co-op directors are working on an online training about the practical aspects of dealing with materials challenges for library staff at all levels.

Committee Reports:

Finance: No meeting/report

Personnel: No meeting/report

Old Business:

The Director contacted the co-op attorney about revising the personnel policy. The attorney sent a questionnaire which the personnel committee will work after the general board meeting.

New Business:

The board discussed the Plan of Service and some small wording changes that needed to be consider under the section on eligibility to join the board. The board also agreed that number of required yearly meetings should be reduced to 5. The Director will revise the Plan and provide a draft with these changes at the next board meeting.

Public Comment: None

Advisory Council Comments: None

Board Member Comments: Board members spoke briefly about their best practices for advocacy. Advocacy efforts and best practices will be added to the Advisory Council agenda for May.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:55 a.m.