



Advisory Council Meeting - Minutes

October 20, 2020. 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Attending: Cory Taylor (Walton Erickson), Sherma Horrocks (Richland Twp), Eric Smith (Mason County), Tracy Logan (Cadillac Wexford), Diane Eisenga (McBain), Jean Gaskill (Surrey Twp), Mary Barker (Pentwater), Cindi Place (Bellaire), Mark Morton (Leland Twp), Cora Schaeff (Leelanau Twp), Justine Peterson (Seville Twp), Kathleen Rash (Hart), Amy Shank (Luther), Lauren Moran (Big Rapids), Sheryl Mase (MMLL Director)

- The group discussed the job of the Advisory Council and what the Chair would do – basically facilitate the meetings and inform the agenda. Also, if the pandemic is over, the AC Chair or co-Chairs would plan the annual meeting (which has been a luncheon with speakers/a program in a nice location in the past)
- Cindi Place stepped up, asking if the group felt it was appropriate, since she will now be the Group 1 representative on the MMLL Board. Others welcomed her in this role, and did not feel it was a conflict. Cindi would prefer a co-Chair, so that ask is still out there for someone to step up.
- Sheryl mentioned that with the increase in state aid, the cooperative should have about \$16,000 surplus in the budget that could be spent on behalf of the member libraries, on e-resources or other services. Possible options might be subsidizing Up North Digital (OverDrive consortium), making a co-op wide account for Hoopla, refurbishing the maker kits, etc. – lots of options to think about.
- The Mini-Grants Committee for FY21 will be Diane Eisenga (on MMLL Board), Tracy Logan-Walker, and Kathleen Rash.
- The new Maker Team (maybe a name change to STEAM Team?) will be Mark Morton, Cora Schaeff, and Lauren Moran. Justine offered to test kits!
- The group did not appoint an E-Resources Committee at this time.
- Future meetings, during the pandemic, will be held every other week, on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. However, to keep the schedule, since the next Tuesday would fall on Election Day, the meeting will be on the Monday instead. Dates are listed below, Zoom meeting reminders will be sent.
- Members discussed the possibility of having to close their buildings again. Amount of time to quarantine materials was also discussed, with most doing 3-7 days. Any good COVID plans that describe conditions under which the library would have to close along with reopening process and response to COVID cases, etc., are welcome from anyone who will share!
- Sheryl encouraged the directors to communicate with each other using the MMLLdirectors@googlegroups.com email list.
- Cameron Charbonnet of Biblionix Apollo and Chris, the tech guy, joined us for the next part of the meeting – a look at more features of the Apollo ILS.

Next meeting: Monday, November 2, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81021353871?pwd=enlTMctbQUFHVG9sYWlkMUIFYVRUUT09>

Following meetings are on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

November 17, December 1, December 15, December 29, January 12, January 26, February 9, February 23, etc.