

**Mid-Michigan Library League
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2018**

Call to Order: With a quorum being present Eric Smith called the meeting to order at 10:02

Present: Mary Edens, Susan LaBelle, Eric Smith, Patti Colvin, Chris Cook, Lois Langenburg Diane Eisenga
Valerie Church-McHugh

Also present via conference call – Sheryl Mase (Director of the MMLL)

Absent: Jeanette Fleury

Approval of Agenda: M/S Langenburg/Colvin Motion carried

Approval of March 15 minutes: M/S Colvin, Cook Motion carried

No public participation

Advisory Council Report: Eric reported on their meeting at Pathfinder Library at Baldwin. Very positive response. Productive meeting. Sheryl Mase also reported that folks were saying it was the best AC meeting ever! Advisory Council leadership was applauded for holding these meetings in different areas.

Approve Purchase Journals for March and April 2018 M/S Cook/Colvin. Roll Call Vote: Edens – yes, LaBelle – yes; Church-McHugh – yes, Eisenga - yes, Colvin - yes, Langenburg - yes; Cook – yes, Smith - yes

Accept Financial Reports M/S Church-McHugh/Edens. Motion passed

Director’s Report: Mase mentioned the motion coming up in the meeting concerning health care costs. Highlighted the MiSEN (state education network) and the instruction from Library of Michigan for individual libraries to contact their ISD tech directors regarding joining. Mase said she is talking to the MiSEN coordinators and tech directors on behalf of member libraries. They will be adding public libraries to the MiSEN on a priority basis and offering libraries the same internet access as schools (10 Gbps) and will also take care of E-rate filing on their behalf. Also, there is State funding via MCAN (Michigan Consortium of Advanced Networks) to strengthen broadband throughout the state. Mase will attend the “listening Session” at West Shore Community College on May 22nd. MCAN report due to the Governor August 1, 2018.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Cook reported that they will meet in July

Personnel: Will meet in Lake City Library on June 6th at 10:30.

Old Business: Report from Valerie Church-McHugh – Valerie thanked the Board for letting her attend the ALA Legislative Day in Washington D.C. She shared that they spent the day meeting with different presenters who

shared how to approach their local representatives. She shared that the representatives preferred people go to their offices or town hall meetings in their home states. Valerie said meeting with representatives went really well. Very welcoming and supportive of libraries. Valerie requested reimbursement of expenses not covered by the grant. Mase reminded her that this was already approved and she just needs receipts to reimburse.

Discussion item: Potential revisions to Plan of Service for 2019? Consensus was that right now Plan of Service looks good and no revisions are needed at this time.

New Business:

Action Item: Board Resolution for annual exemption option per Public Act 152. M/S Colvin/ Church-McHugh. Discussion – Cook pointed out some corrections needed (typos: “and” should be “an” and “elects” should be “elect”)

Langenburg - yes, Colvin - yes, Church-McHugh - yes, Labelle, yes, Edens - yes, Smith - yes, Cook - yes, Eisenga – yes. Resolution approved

Action item: 2018 Budget amendment: M/S Church-McHugh/Colvin. Labelle - yes, Church-McHugh yes, Langenburg, yes, Cook yes, Smith – yes, Edens – yes, Eisenga - yes
Approved the budget as amended.

Discussion item: Request to state librarian for LSTA funds to automate remaining member libraries – Chase, Wheatland, Walton Erickson. Sheryl would like to send a letter to Randy Riley to propose use of LSTA funds for this purpose. M/S Edens/Cook supporting Sheryl in her efforts to come up with a plan to use LSTA funds for Michigan libraries. Motion passed.

Public Comment – No public comment

Additional Advisory Council comments – [none]

Board members comments – Edens talked about Central Lake campaign for their millage, which passed for another 20 years – 86% positive! Bellaire received a Notable Author visit and will have Amy Emberling & Frank Carollo of Zingerman’s Bakehouse. LaBelle reported that Cathy Carter is retiring from Benzie Shores District Library – reception June 24, 2-4 p.m. in Frankfort. Eisenga – reported receiving \$2,000 in LSTA funds for maker kits. Colvin reported that Cadillac library is preparing for Summer Reading program and waiting for the Board to name the new director. Langenburg – new director at Luther library (Ariel is leaving), also stated that the library is doing an escape room activity – Harry Potter theme. Cook reported Big Rapids School District passed millage. Miriam Andrus will be changing jobs, going to Midland a couple weeks after she returns from maternity leave. They will be posting the position soon. In the reading park next to the library, several garden plots are now in place. Smith – reported that they sent 8 people to RLC.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Eisenga/Colvin Meeting adjourned at 11:40