

**NORTHLAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE**  
**Advisory Council Meeting**  
Lyon Township Branch of Gerrish-Higgins SD Public Library  
Higgins Lake  
Friday, April 15, 2005

**Present:**

Carol Luck, Alcona County Library  
Christine Johnson, Interim Director, Northland Library Cooperative  
Jennifer L. Dean, Incumbent Director, Northland Library Cooperative  
Amy Knepp, Oscoda County Library  
Susan Warner, Wolverine Community Library  
Averill Packard, Gerrish-Higgins SD Public Library  
Mark Bronson, Cheboygan Public Library  
Nannette Miller, Boyne District Library  
Susan Conklin, Crooked Tree District Library  
Karen Sherrard, Petoskey Public Library  
Val Meyerson, Charlevoix Public Library  
Cindy Lou Poquette, Indian River Library  
Janis Stevenson, Presque Isle District Library

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President.

Motion by Amy Knepp and second by Jan Stevenson to approve minutes of February 8, 2005. All ayes, approved.

**Report from Northland by Christine.**

She talked about MelCat and its current status. They have 12 libraries up and running and expect to add another 20 in June of this year. She also talked about adding email addresses to patron's record as MelCat will do most of their communicating with patrons through email.

She discussed OCLC and that MeL's current database contracts will expire in September of 2006.

E-Rate and USF are getting bad press lately. Christine asked that libraries send to her a letter explaining how vital USF is to your library.

**Jennifer Dean, new Cooperative Director**, introduced herself and will start Monday, May 9, 2005. Asked anyone to call her or email her with ideas you may have for the future of Northland Library Cooperative.

**Library Reports** were given from each library.

Christine reported that MLA Institutional dues have been raised.

At 12:00 it was decided to break for lunch.

Meeting resumed at 12:45 p.m.

The FY 2004-05 Budget was reviewed by Christine. She explained that the budget was still in good shape for this fiscal year.

A mini-workshop was given by Christine Johnson on the new Records Retention Policy Law, who explained the importance of following this new law.

The next meeting will be May 25<sup>th</sup> at Alcona County Library in Harrisville.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janis Stevenson, in absence of Dawn Pringle