

NLC Advisory Council
5/15/08

The meeting was called to order at 10:44.

The meeting started with a presentation by Mike Moke from AWE who demonstrated an Early Literacy Station for children ages.

Interim Director Report:

Roger reported that Alpena County library would move their cooperative affiliation to Superiorland August 30 and Curtis township would make their move on July 1.

Roger asked if there is another NLC library who would pick up the processing of ILL requests. Alpena County library has been handling this and NLC has been reimbursing them \$5.00 per request.

A new home location is needed for the mobile lab. Discussion was held to discuss finding a more central location with enough space to store it and how would we handle the scheduling of the equipment. There was consensus to see if the home location could be at the Indian River Area Library and if not there at the Cheboygan Area Public Library and scheduling would be handled by the Charlevoix Public Library. Use would be limited to one month at a time with one renewal. A motion was made by Nannette Miller and seconded by Susan Conklin, to move the mobile computer lab, the motion passed unanimously.

Roger has been investigating the contract and charges from OCLC bill and whether we should seek an adjustment. The OCLC charge is a subscription and is based on past use. NLC use in the past was 9,000 per year and this volume is used to calculate the monthly charge. The use has gone down dramatically and it is now averaging 29 requests per month. A request for re-evaluating the cost has been made and appealed and we are now awaiting a response. One option is to drop the NLC membership and have the service carried by another member. Amy Knepp made a motion to have the Otsego County Library pick up the service on a trial basis, if Otsego is willing, Carol Luck supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The service will be re-evaluated after the trial period.

The NLC Mini-conference was a success and had very supportive evaluations. The event was financially sound with a net income of \$1,400.00. There was general discussion about holding the event in the off years of the state-wide rural library conference.

Use your Tech upgrade money or lose it.

There will be a demonstration of the Evergreen automated system at the Mackinaw Area Public Library on July 31.

If you are working with Mid-Eastern to book your summer reading programs, do not pay the performers directly, payment will come from the cooperative. Forms are in your packet.

The NLC fund balance distribution committee met and presented their proposals for the members. They are asking for a simple grant application. which. The plan must be voted on and approved by the NLC board at their next meeting. If approved, the application must be submitted by Aug. 1, 2008 with a board member and director signature. In one year a one page final report must be submitted to support the proper expenditure. Send questions to Roger. A motion was made by Amy Knepp to recommend the plan to the NLC board. Susan Conklin supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Roger gave a brief update on State aid to libraries, the house is supporting an allocation of \$12 million. The Senate has had a hearing but have not made a decision yet.

Nancy Robertson, State Librarian, will grant NLC a waiver when one is needed in the next fiscal year, to operate with a part-time director. Not having a full-time director could affect the cooperative allocation of state aid. Rules state that there must be a full time director to be eligible.

Roger will send out a survey requesting feedback on cooperative services which he will use to build the next budget.

One question for the Board and members to consider for the future is a different model for the coop director. Having a part-time director may be a better fit for our cooperative.

New business – Val Meyerson is running for the MLA board and asked members for their support.

Susan Conklin made a motion for adjournment and Mark Bronson supported. The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Bronson

Members present:

Mark Bronson	Cheboygan Area Public Library
Karen Sherrard	Petoskey Public Library
Susan Conklin	Crooked Tree District Library
Nannette Miller	Boyne District Library
Amy Knepp	Oscoda County Library
Susan Warner	Wolverine Community Library
Lori Weaver	Montmorency County Public Libraries
Carol Luck	Alcona County Library
Christine Johnson	NLC
Val Meyerson	Charlevoix Public Library
Roger Mendel	NLC
Kay Spomer	Presque Isle District Library