

NLC advisory council meeting 8/16/07
Lewiston Public Library

Roger Mendel	NLC
Christine Johnson	NLC
Maureen Derenzy	Otsego County Library
Carol Luck	Alcona county Library
Karen Sherrard	Petoskey Public Library
Cindy Lou Poquette	Indian River Area Library
Sarah Allaire	Mackinaw Area Public Library
Jan Stevenson	Presque Isle District Library
Sue Warner	Wolverine Community Library
Mark Bronson	Cheboygan Area Public Library
Amy Knepp	Oscoda County Library
Lori Weaver	Montmorency County Public Libraries

Meeting called to order 10:45 am

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Karen Sherrard & seconded by Maureen Durenzy; the motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Karen Sherrard & seconded by Carol Luck: the motion was unanimously approved.

Directors Report

Roger Mendel stated that the bills for the Mel Delivery cost change were incorrectly invoiced. Checks will be returned if members have already sent them in. If you have not paid yet, don't send in a check. NLC board believes their commitment is to provide the service regardless of the cost change.

LBPH update: all shelves are empty and the large print books are distributed, foreign language tapes distributed, audio books are being re-routed to other agencies. The offices are being cleaned out. Inquiries for LBPH service should be directed to the Library of Michigan at: 702 W. Kalamazoo Street, PO Box 30007, Lansing, MI 48909; or www.michigan.gov/sbph; or 1-800-992-9012. Return any LBPH materials to NLC offices so that they can be recorded in inventory. All service clubs who have contributed to LBPH have been notified and thanked for their contributions and service. Ruth will stay at the NLC offices until the end of the year to assist with closing the LBPH.

Update on the sale of the NLC building: there has been some hesitation about the negotiated sale and the amount of earnest money. Environmental tests will be done by the buyer and \$6,000.00 in earnest money is being held until the completion of the tests. If results of testing indicate contamination the sale is off but the coop will keep the earnest money. Sale is set for 12/14/07. NLC can use space in the building after the sale.

The van has been sold.

State aid to public libraries is still at 50% in the proposed state budget. Less funding can affect the LSTA grant because of the lack of commitment from the state which would threaten the MeL databases, MeLCat and statewide cooperation. Roger will send state budget proposal website for members to review.

Where is the grant money from LSTA? Why is the state holding the money and what will happen to it at the end of the fiscal year. Roger will ask at a meeting later this week.

There was discussion of the Directors Summit and the value of the event. Should it be an annual program.

A motion was made by Karen Sherrard and seconded by Maureen Derenzy to continue operation of NLC for the next year and to retain Roger as interim director under the current agreement for the next fiscal year. The motion was unanimously approved. Thank you to Christine for stepping in to help NLC carry on during this transition.

General discussion was held to discuss the proposed budget, both at half and full funding. Roger will reassess our core services and the costs that would be entailed in their delivery.

A motion was made by Cindy Lou Poquette and Sue Warner made a motion to fund the conference scholarship for remaining members who have not yet received it. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Karen Sherrard and seconded by Amy Knepp to adopt the proposed budget with a proviso that the budget will be reevaluated in light of possibly a reduced need for staff and services in the future. The motion was unanimously approved.

After lunch Roger mentioned clip art that is available from NLC for anyone who is interested. A performers showcase will be held at mid eastern cooperative on Oct. 16th to allow performers to present their programs for the next summer reading program. Roger will send information in the newsletter. Send him feedback on what type of workshops we would like NLC to host.

Maureen Derenzy asked about downloadable books as a coop initiative. There is a large front end cost that libraries could use help with.

The coop owns a light meter that members can use.

The mobile computer lab is held at and being managed by the Alpena County Library contact them if you wish to use it.

Carol Luck shared a report from her County Treasurer with a breakdown of court costs and penal fines.

The next meeting will be the annual joint meeting which will be held at the Otsego County Library, Sept. 25th starting at 10:00 am.

A motion to adjourn was made by Cindy Lou Poquette and seconded by Sue Warner at 2:10 pm. The motion was unanimously approved.