

NLC Advisory Council  
Sept. 25, 2007  
Otsego County Library

Mark Bronson,	Cheboygan Area Public Library
Sue Warner,	Wolverine Community Library
Amy Knepp,	Oscoda County Library
Carol Luck,	Alcona County Library
Elizabeth Benson,	Topinabee Public Library
Nannette Miller,	Boyne District Library
Susan Conklin,	Crooked Tree District Library
Maureen Derenzy,	Otsetgo County Library
Roger Mendel,	Northland Library Cooperative
Janis Stevenson,	Presque Isle District Library

Nannette called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Carol Luck moved that we accept the agenda and Amy Knepp seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Susan Conklin moved that we accept the minutes of the August meeting and Carol Luck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Roger Mendel reported on the following items: LSTA grant funds are still tied up and the money will not be released at this time. They may not be released this year and there is a possibility that they will never be released.

State aid is still tied up in legislative negotiations. It is in conference committee with differing amounts between the Senate and House who will have to resolve the difference in the submitted budgets.

Jan Stevenson arrived at 10:40.

Roger shared that there has been one nomination for the NLC board at large.

Roger shared options to dispose of equipment and furniture that is in the cooperative offices. Maureen offered the option that everyone get a chance to see everything that is available and then work out a system to equitably disperse the items. A copy of the item list was distributed.

Susan Conklin made motion to recommend option 1 with the change to allow everyone to have a chance to select the items, not a first come first served. The motion was supported by Amy Knepp. The motion passed unanimously.

The sale of the Cooperative building is progressing to finalization. The prospective buyer has purchased an adjacent parking lot and has bid on the public restrooms adjoining the NLC building. 2 oil tanks have been found and soils testing is scheduled to determine if there is contamination. Earnest money of \$25,000.00 (non-refundable) has been received.

Staff at the building: LBPH inventory is nearing dispersal with the remaining items to be shipped to a LBPH depository. The staff positions of Ruth, Jim, and Judy will be phased out, with all positions terminating at the end of the calendar year. The NLC Board and Director are negotiating with Judy Tarcks to work on a contract basis as the cooperative bookkeeper. Beginning in Jan. NLC could become a virtual office. NLC will rent space to store office

documents. Verizon can provide remote call forwarding and calls can be re-directed to Roger at his office in Flint. Mail could also be forwarded to his office. Roger would visit NLC once per month or for meetings. The recommendations offer significant savings. There is no requirement to have a physical presence. Roger asked for a supporting recommendation on the plan for a virtual service plan.

Mark shared an email from Val Meyerson, who is serving on the Cooperative Planning Committee, about the first working session of the reorganization proposals.

Maureen Derenzy made a motion to recommend the amended 2007/08 budget. Sue Warner supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MeL database training is scheduled at three locations throughout the cooperative.

On October 16 at the Fenton Community Center a performer showcase will be presented. CEUs are available and NLC members can attend at the member rate of \$30.00.

Roger discussed his proposal for new services for NLC members and opened the floor to comments.

Jan Stevenson asked if nominations and elections are held at the Nov. meeting. They are.

Next meeting will be held at Boyne District Library on Nov. 1, 10:30. (This has since been moved to the NLC building in Alpena).

A motion of adjournment was made by Nannette Miller and supported by Susan Conklin. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting concluded at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. Bronson