

**Southwest Michigan Cooperative Meeting  
Council Meeting  
August 11, 2016**

Present: John Mahoney, Paw Paw; Jennifer Ray, Cass District; John Sheridan, Vicksberg District; Mary Hill Lincoln Twp.; Leah Dodd, Willard; Jim France, South Haven; Matt Weston, Dowagiac; Tim Wiggins, Cass; Ralph Weessies, Climax; Melissa McPherson, Willard; Denise Hooks, MMLC; Hillary Berry, Paw Paw; Amy Marks; Lawrence Kapture Portage District; Alicia Kershaw, Martin; Joe Cross, Ransom District; Lauren Matacio, Andrews Univ. ; Stephanie Masin, St. Joseph; Kat Boyer, Benton Harbor; Dennis Kripps, Richland; Patsy Richardson, Kalamazoo Public Schools

**Approval of Agenda:** Stephanie Masin moved, seconded by Jennifer Ray Motion Carried.

**Approval of April 14 minutes:** John Sheridan moved, seconded by Kat Boyer Motion Carried.

**Speaker:** Denise Hooks, Director of Mid -eastern Michigan Library <http://mycoops.info>

Denise gave a presentation on the coop structure of Michigan and spoke on her role as Director of the Mid-Eastern Cooperative.

**Finance report:** Amy, Accounting Consultants PC. Amy gave the financial report and she had prepared a budget for John which she passed out. John said he had created a budget but he chose not to pass it out and said he would prefer the coop board to accept Amy's budget as presented. Reimbursements for grants will be sent out in August, they need to be submitted by September. 19 libraries out of 36 have submitted grants at this time. Matt Weston moved to approve the financials as presented, seconded by Stephanie Masin, Motion Carried.

John Mohny has collected the information for the audit. Siegfried Randall Auditor will present the audit at the February meeting at Portage District Library.

**Director's report:** Tim Wiggins reported on Newsnotes, Julie Grynwich, Dennis Krepps, and Tim Wiggins met to discuss the web site. They are looking at using Word Press in the future. Tim is working on the Listserv. Tim is working on attaching names with e-mails.

Director's meeting will be held the second Thursday in September, Mohny will make out the 2017 meeting calendar soon. He is looking for locations for the meetings, please volunteer.

Van Buren District Library will join the coop in October 2017; they are a class IV library and will share the rotation with Cass District Library.

Black Belt Librarian Workshop has approximately 50 signed up so far. Mohny is accepting reservations, cost \$15. per person for coop members.

Lawrence gave a grants update. September 1, 2016 is the last date to get grants into Lawrence.

Film license will be paid and updated for this next year. Increase about \$100 for Motion Picture Licensing Cooperation. We don't have the bill yet for Movie Licensing USA. Stephanie Masin inquired about the coop's ability to continue to afford the movie licensing. Mohney stated the coop will continue to fund the two licenses at this time.

World book has special pricing at this time; the information will be posted on the web site.

There were no committee reports.

Mohney stated new board and officers will be in place for the next meeting scheduled for October 13th at PawPaw District Library.

Joe Cross moved to adjourn, seconded by Ralph Weessies, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Mary K. Hill