

## Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative – Board Meeting Minutes

13 April 2017 @ New Buffalo District Library

**PRESENT:** Hill (Lincoln Twp.), Wallace (Buchanan), Rohrbaugh (KPL), Hayes (Galesburg), Gross (Plainwell), Boyer (Benton Harbor), Evans (Bridgman), Ray (Cassopolis); Mohney (SMLC Director)

Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m. by President Hill

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

- Motion by Hill, supported by Evans to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- No public comments

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Motion by Hill, support by Evans to approve February 9, 2017 Board Minutes. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Treasurer Ray presented the current bills for the Board's approval. Motion by Evans, supported by Hill to approve payment of bills.

\*\* Question (as I'm typing Minutes)... why are bills presented and approved at Council AND at Board? \*\*

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Charter bus to go to ALA in Chicago on Saturday, June 24 will be approximately \$1,400 (56 seats); does the Board want him to set it up?
  - o Motion by Evans, support by Boyer to approve up to \$2,000 for John to charter a bus.
    - President Hill recommends that there needs to be a budget line for these types of items (like the Blackbelt Librarian workshop last fall) moving forward.
  - o No further discussion; motion carried. John will send details next week.
- John shared that the members of the Michigan Council Directors Association (MCDA) want him to wait until they have approved / posted their minutes before they are shared with us.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Director Mohney shared a letter from the Sturgis District Library, requesting to join our Cooperative. They are currently in Woodlands; their letter states that they are geographically closer to us, as the reason they want to transfer.
  - o They are a Class IV library
  - o John has been corresponding with them (for how long?)
- Motion by Hill, support by Gross to accept Sturgis District Library's request for membership.
  - o Mohney stated that "indirect State Aid" pays for services that will be provided to Sturgis.
  - o Concern that OverDrive be addressed with incoming libraries in the future as they come onboard; too late with Sturgis?
  - o There needs to be discussion / analysis when bringing new libraries into Co-op; cost/benefit analysis.
  - o Seems like not enough time taken before bringing VanBuren District Library in Some regrets although still happy to have them.
  - o Don't want to penalize Sturgis because of way VanBuren was brought in.
  - o We need to treat this Board the same way we would treat our own Library's Boards.
  - o Every other Co-op in the state charges (incoming libraries? OR all?) more than state aid for membership.
  - o No further discussion; motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- All current Cooperative services are listed on the web page.
  - o Tim Wiggins will send out email with correct NewNotes addresses.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Director's meeting May 11 at Paw Paw. Shirley Bruursma will be our guest speaker. Director Mohny requested a stipend of \$100 be paid to Shirley to cover her travel expenses.
  - o Motion by Gross, support by Rohrbaugh. No discussion; motion carried.
- Next Board meeting: August 10, 2017 at Eau Claire (Lunch, 1:00; Council, 2:00; Board, 3:00).

Meeting adjourned at 4:13.

Addendum – Several people mentioned that they did not see the contact sheet that was passed around by the insurance representatives. Hayes volunteered to send an email to gather names of anyone who wants to be contacted for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Hayes, Secretary