

Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative – Board Meeting Minutes

10 August 2017 @ Eau Claire District Library

PRESENT: Weiber (KPL), Gross (Plainwell), Evans (Bridgman), Ray (Cassopolis), Wunderlich (VanBuren) Hayes (Galesburg); Mohny (SMLC Director)

Meeting called to order at 3:18 p.m. by Acting-President Hayes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Motion by Weiber, supported by Gross to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- No public comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion by Evans, support by Weiber to approve April 13, 2017 Board Minutes. Motion carried, following discussion of adding new members only after notice and analysis.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- Treasurer Ray presented budget numbers, apologizing for missing numbers and printing errors. Motion by Weiber, supported by Gross to approve financial documents and payment of bills.

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

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

- Requests to join SMLC
 - o Application / request to join should be submitted by February for Board consideration
 - o Gross reiterates that “regrets” for accepting most recent applicant is directed at the PROCEDURE, not the acceptance.
 - o Evans urges Board to consider ramifications of “mass exodus” to SMLC, because of low costs to members
- Budget
 - o Board needs to receive proposed budget no later than August meeting so that can be discussed and approved prior to October 1 (start of fiscal year)
 - o If John doesn’t have exact numbers, he should use projections, adjustments can be made later
 - o Projected numbers need context, shouldn’t just be numbers
- Upcoming meetings are scheduled through the next FY

NEW BUSINESS:

- Officers
 - o General agreement that new rotation is required
 - o Since President Hill has left Lincoln Twp. library and is no longer in Co-op, VP Wallace will become President
 - o Nominating Committee formed (Evans & Hayes); will assess and present slate of candidates at October Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Gross, Acting Secretary (hjh)