

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

January 10, 2007

Location: Bullard Sanford Memorial Library

Welcome: Bryon Sitler welcomed members & guests and thanked Jim Rancilio for hosting the meeting.

Jim Rancilio welcomed members to the new addition to the library - the Dykhouse Room. The new meeting room was the 4th edition to the library in the last 30 years. The total project cost \$750,000. Concert series attendees Mr. & Mrs. Dykhouse donated \$300,000 towards the project.

Bryon reported that:

3 MLA DVDs are available from the Cooperative. The DVD's provide training on:

Patriot Act
Millage & Bond Issues
Trustee Training

Call White Pine headquarters if you would like to borrow the DVD's.

Data Digest 2006: The information in the data digest reflects 379 main libraries, 279 branch libraries and 16 bookmobiles providing service in Michigan. The information was compiled from the FY2005/2006 Public Library Annual Report. Copies are being sent to all Michigan libraries via the mail.

AWE Literacy Station: This learning package has been improved and is geared for K-3. The package is a stand alone computer system with hardware and software. Contact the cooperative if you would like a brochure on the literacy station.

Board Representation: Ervin Bell, Saginaw Correctional Facility and Judy Chelekis, Vassar High School will serve as the non-public representatives on the White Pine Board.

Minutes: Rose Rice Gutierrez moved to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2006 meeting as submitted. Larry Haubenstricker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tuscola Business Grant: Tim McCloskey presented information on a \$10,000 business grant which will provide a mobile business resource center in Tuscola County. The service will be free for all patrons. The goal of the business center is to retain and keep jobs in Tuscola County. The center will provide business counseling and information on starting small businesses. The center will contain a lap top computer, printer, copier and printed business resources.

Rawson Memorial Library will be the first library to use the center. The business center will rotate every three months in Tuscola County. If successful, the service could expand into other counties.

Investor Workshops: Peg Beck, Investor Education Coordinator with the Department of Labor and Economic Growth presented information on Investment Workshops available for library patrons.

The program deals with basic investing fundamentals. Topics include education on 401k's, the stock market, index points etc. The program is 45-90 minutes long and is expandable.

The workshop also provides an opportunity for patrons to sit down with a financial advisor who will discuss individual investments ideas.

The program is non-commercial with no solicitation and is free.

To schedule a presentation call White Pine or contact Peg at the toll free number listed below.

1-877-999-6442.

MEL Update: Sue Davidsen reported that major changes to MEL would take place February 20, 2007. The new MEL will be easier for the public to use and contain more text. Members IP's may need to be changed before accessing the new MEL.

Performer's Showcase: Performers for the day were:

Chad Patterson, Acting up Theatre
Jason Abbott, Magician
Lois Sprengnether, Lois Says
Ross Champion, Rosco the Clown
Joel Tacey, Comedy, Juggling & More

Performers were available after the performances for bookings. Members were also sent a list of 28 performers to book from. The Performers List can also be found on White Pine's web site. Members should turn in their order list by the end of January 2007.