

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes, March 14, 2007

Welcome: Rose Rice Gutierrez welcomed members.

Minutes: Stephanie Olson moved to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2007 meeting. Mimi Herrington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Bryon Sitler reported that:

There will be no Bats for Libraries program this year due to the requirement to sell at least 1,000 tickets.

Open Houses for legislators were held throughout the cooperative service area. Turn out was good.

Capital Library Cooperative is closing. Libraries from Gratiot and Clinton counties have expressed interest in joining White Pine. They must first withdraw from Capital before they can apply to White Pine for membership.

The Gates Grant has been completed. Bryon is working on the final report.

The Cooperative Directors' Association appointed a committee to explore the future of Cooperatives. Bryon has been appointed chair. The committee will look at what Cooperatives should like be in the future and what services should be offered.

Upcoming workshops include:

Beginning Workshop – currently held at wplc on Wednesdays through April 18th.

March 23, 2007 How to Pass a Millage.

March 30, 2007 Marketing to Pass a Millage.

April 2, Town Meeting with Nancy Robertson (Midland).

April 19, Legislative Brunch. 5 people will speak from White Pine. (Lansing).

April 21, Board Training.

April 27, Children's Crafts and Storytelling.

May 7-9, Rural Libraries Conference

May 16, Retention Act

May 23, & 24, Disaster Planning. (East Lansing & Troy).

Performers: Karen Puszykowski reported:

Nine libraries booked performers through the cooperative.

Most libraries booked 3-4 performers.

Most of the performers booked were from the Performers Showcase in Vassar held in January.

A few more were booked from the list.

All contracts have been signed.

Libraries will be sent their check to pay the performers a couple of weeks before the performance. The cooperative will then bill the library.

Advisory Council Meeting in Lansing: Members discussed the possibility of holding the May or June Advisory Council meeting at the Library of Michigan. It was decided that June 6, 2007 would be the best date. Bryon will make arrangements with the Library of Michigan.

Potential New Members: Bryon reported that:

5 libraries from Gratiot County and 5 libraries from Clinton counties have expressed interest in joining White Pine.

Libraries need to officially withdraw from Capital before applying to White Pine.

The new libraries would increase White Pine's income from \$363,380.00 to \$454,340.00.

All of the potential new members are automated and are in the process of joining MelCat.

Adding the 10 libraries would not damage White Pine's density payment.

Barb Butch moved to accept the libraries from Gratiot and Clinton Counties if they wished to join. Jim Rancilio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kate VanAuken recommended that Bryon write a letter welcoming them to join White Pine.

Budget Cuts: Bryon reported that the state's budget for this year and next year could result in big cuts for libraries and cooperatives.

Delivery and budget figures for this year and next were reviewed.

Possible cuts to the Cooperative could include:

Delivery

OCLC

Staffing

We should hear about this year's budget by the end of March.

We should hear about 2007-2008 funding in late July or August of 2007.

Adult Program: Marsha Boyd reported the following on her *Books for Lunch Program*.

The book club meets monthly.

A local restaurant caters soup, bread and cookies at no charge.

Marsha prepares an agenda and people meet and talk about books.

The event is advertised in the local paper.

40-50 people attend the event.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair: A representative from Barnes & Nobel reported that Barnes and Nobel would join with libraries during the week of June 24-30th to hold a book fair.

Libraries will be given vouchers to hand out which can be used at Barnes and Nobel. A portion of monies spent will go to the library.

Barnes & Noble is willing to do the event in individual libraries or in the store. The event can include costumed characters, games and much more.

Those interested should call Virginia Heighs at Barnes and Nobel.

Membership News: (*A sampling of news*).

Birch Run: The Straight Jacket man was very interesting for the adult reading program.

Bad Axe: Team One Credit Union is helping libraries with Teen Night.

Pigeon: Will charge a card fee for non-residents.

Marlette: Hired a new children's services person.

Chesaning: Is hosting the 2nd annual *Bring your Doll to Tea* for children six or older.

Kingston: Jonathan Rand will be at the elementary school.

Sandusky: A Classics movie night is held at the local cinema which gets a big senior audience.

Mayville: Michigan notable author Lisa Litzenburger ("Widower) will give a presentation on her book on May 23rd at 6:30 pm. Mayville is also hosting a quilt raffle in April. Proceeds will benefit the library.

Rose City: Volunteers are helping clean up the library after flood damage.