

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes, December 5, 2007

Welcome: Rose Rice Gutierrez welcomed members.

Minutes: Jim Rancilio moved to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2007 meeting. Nanette Ricker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Bryon Sitler reported that:

White Pine will act as the purchasing agent for 13 libraries participating in the Gates Grant. Computers will be ordered as soon as the money is received from the Library of Michigan Foundation.

White Pine's audit was performed on November 6, 2007. The audit report will be presented to the board at its January meeting.

Report on the Cooperative Remix Committee: Stephanie Olson reported that:

The committee was looking at 3 models.

More than likely only the strongest Cooperatives will survive the remix.

It is anticipated that State aid will be used to fund Mel Cat.

Legislation will be required to change the law.

No decision was made about boundaries.

There was no discussion about a transitional period.

Libraries will not need to belong to a Cooperative.

Libraries will join voluntarily.

PA 89 will need to be changed.

Additional information covering this topic may be found on Superiorland's web page.

Library Collection Development Committee: Members discussed forming a committee to set collection development standards. Committee members are:

Mary Chasseur, James E Wickson Memorial Library, Frankenmuth
Jeanette Nathan, Ogemaw District Library, Rose City
Erin Schmandt, Chesaning Public Library
Kim White, T. A. Cutler Memorial Library, St Louis.

E-Book Collection: Members discussed e-books. It was the consensus of the group that there was not much demand compared to the cost of purchase. More interest was expressed in audio downloads.

Publicity/Marketing Campaign: A committee was formed to formulate marketing and PR ideas for public libraries. \$10,000.00 has been earmarked in the budget for PR. Committee members are:

Marsha Boyd, West Branch Public Library
Mimi Herrington, Bad Axe Area District Library
Stephanie Olson, Iosco-Arenac District Library
Kate Van Auken, Rawson Memorial Library

Bookkeeping Service: When library districts are formed questions are raised about bookkeeping and benefits. The cooperative could provide this service at a reasonable rate to its members if there is interest. Contact Bryon for cost information if you are interested in this service.

Reorganization of MLA: Josie Parker reported that:

MLA membership is stagnant and/or has dropped.

The restructuring of MLA will affect board and committee composition, funding and dues, professional development and the priorities of the organization.

MLA's bylaws will need to be changed and voted on. It is hoped that the changes will be supported by a member vote in January, a board vote in May and then go into effect in July 2008.

More information can be found on MLA's web page.

Night Scares Authors: 2 authors provided a sampling of their stories about monsters, magic and mystery. There are 26 books in the series. Members were invited to purchase signed copies of the books after the meeting.

