

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes, October 10, 2007

Location: Horizons Conference Center, Saginaw, MI.

Welcome: Bryon Sitler welcomed those present. Members introduced themselves.

Minutes: Lise Mitchell moved to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2007 meeting. Dan Stock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Bryon reported that:

He has been monitoring the Legislature to see what develops with the budget.

He visited all of the new member libraries during the month of September.

He met with Senator Jim Barcia and neighboring libraries in Vassar on October 8, 2007.

State Aid annual reports will not be available until mid October. The due date for turning in reports still remains February 1, 2007. The latest word on state aid is a 2.5% reduction from the current level.

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

An Advisory Committee had been formed to look at how state funded regionally distributed services (currently cooperatives) might be defined or re-defined.

Committee members include Nancy Robertson, and representation from public libraries, cooperatives and the state library.

The goal of the committee is to hammer out a draft plan which will ultimately lead to fewer cooperatives and new legislation to address funding issues.

Discussion topics included:

State aid to cooperatives & libraries going towards funding state projects such as MeL databases, delivery and MeL cat.

Core services.

Texas and Ohio were listed as models for new cooperatives providing regional services.

The draft plan will be sent out to all libraries before going to the legislature.

All materials are posted on Superiorland Library Cooperative's web site if you care to review the documents and monitor discussion on future plans.

The committee will meet again on October 29th. If you have comments and/or concerns please send them to Stephanie Olson before that date.

Appreciation of Exiting Board Members: Bryon Sitler thanked those going off the board for their service on White Pine's Board. The following board members were presented with a silver plate in appreciation of their service:

Dan Stock
Beverly Dear
Jeanette Morrish
Erin Schmandt
Gail Nartker (not present)

Membership Request: Lise Mitchell moved to accept the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools as an Associate Member. Jeanette Morrish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Keynote Speaker: George Needham presented "Future of Libraries" via telephone.

Performer's Showcase: The Following Performers gave sample performances:

Karen Czanik, Storyteller
Donna Novack, Musician
Lorie Fithian, Drum Circle Leader
Gordon Russ, Magician
Joel Tacey, Comedy & Juggler