

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**March 10, 2010**

**Welcome and Introductions:** Bryon Sitler welcomed everyone. Members introduced themselves.

**Agenda:** Bryon Sitler asked that OCLC & Other Cooperatives be added under New Business.

**Minutes:** Marsha Boyd moved to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2010 Advisory Council meeting. Mimi Herrington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Census Report:** Walt Herzig gave a report on the importance of the 2010 Census. It is his job to promote census awareness in Michigan. Highlights include:

The census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution every 10 years.

It is used to allocate federal dollars for state programs.

Federal monies are used for funding unemployment, roads and educational programs.

Michigan lost 1 seat in the U.S. House due to past census figures.

The census makes federal funding more fair.

Census Information and forms can be found online at [www.michigan.gov/census2010](http://www.michigan.gov/census2010).

Forms can be viewed online but are not downloadable.

The census form will be distributed the week of March 15<sup>th</sup> and should be returned by the end of April. If you don't fill out your form and return it, a door to door census person will visit you. Door to door visits will be done May 1 – June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Census Jobs:**

Census employment is temporary.

Pay range = \$11.50 - \$19.25 per hour.

In most cases people collecting unemployment may collect unemployment at a reduced rate while working for the census. After completing census work they can then go back and collect the full amount.

**Issues:**

Snowbirds are hard to count because they leave the state during the time of the count.

Other hard to count areas are: the homeless, dislocated people due to foreclosures, people with language problems, veterans and servicemen.

White Pine will post the census power point presentation on our website.

**Director's Report:** Bryon reported that:

State Aid Reports are being processed. There is no timetable on the release of checks.

He has been updating legislative profiles to be used to educate legislators about libraries.

Staff hours have been reduced ½ day a week per person = 1 day per pay period.

He has been re-appointed to the LSTA Ad Council for another two year term.

He met with Representative Jeff Mayes at the Bullard Sanford Library and visited the new children's room in Gladwin.

The new Certification State Aid manual is available online from the Library of Michigan.

All State departments will submit a budget with a 20% reduction from this year's amount.

He also attended a board meeting in St. Charles.

A policies workshop was held in Sandusky on February 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be repeated in Alma on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Budget/Planning:** Bryon reported that this year's budget would require \$151,931.50 being taken from fund balance to balance the budget and next year's budget would require \$160,636.00 be taken from fund balance.

The Planning Committee has met to discuss the changes that need to be made. The committee reviewed the services survey and prioritized services.

Some services could remain core services with members being charged for other services.

**OCLC/Other Cooperatives:** Bryon Sitler reported that other Cooperatives in the State are interested in contracting with WPLC for OCLC interloan services. This service could bring in additional funds of \$45,000.00-\$50,000.00. Bryon will explore this service more and bring back more information.

***Discussion:***

WPLC benefits for staff may need to be reduced or eliminated. Staff reduced to part-time.

White Pine could charge members for OCLC interloan requests or eliminate the service.

WPLC pay for 1 day delivery instead of 2.

Have members pay their own delivery fee.

Charge a delivery fee to patrons to make up some delivery costs.

Increase membership fees by .05 per capita to bring in additional monies.

It was the consensus of the group that the current plan of service could not be maintained next year. The committee will meet again before making a recommendation.

Other unknowns that could affect the Cooperative are: funding for LSTA – will there be funding for MelCat and the databases and state aid issues.

The Cooperative has enough money to continue as is for approximately 18 months.

**Annual Meeting:** Has been scheduled for October 13, 2010 at the Saginaw Public Schools Media Center. More information to come.

**September Advisory Council Meeting:** Legislative candidates will be invited to the September 2010 Advisory Council Meeting. The meeting date will be changed to a Monday or a Friday to accommodate the candidates.

**Next Meeting Date:** May 12, 2010