

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**

May 12, 2010

Welcome & Introductions: Rose Rice Gutierrez welcomed everyone. Members introduced themselves.

Agenda: Bryon Sitler asked that Advocacy be added under New Business. Jill Fox moved to approve the agenda. Bryan Dinwoody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Bryon reported that:

A great deal of his time had been spent on budget issues and preparing for the Long Range Planning Committee.

He met with Representative Jim Stamas in Hemlock on March 31, 2010.

The Rural Libraries Conference has been postponed for one year (until 2012).

The Library of Michigan and MCLS are working with III, Sirsi/Dynix and AutoGraphics to perfect NCIP. They are working on eliminating the necessity of checking items in and out twice. If you use one of these systems please encourage your representative to attend this meeting. Contact Sheryl Mase at L of M for more information.

Upcoming workshops include:

May 20, Puppets
September 1, Graphic Novels
September 20, Meet the Candidates

Bryon also attended a board meeting in Cass City on April 20, 2010.

Letters were sent to Martha Scott concerning texting fines being diverted away from libraries. The effort was successful. Texting fines will go to libraries.

The Governors Executive Order includes a recommendation for all local government agencies to qualify for a statewide health insurance plan. Bryon will check to see if libraries qualify.

Long Range Plan, Budget & Service Model: Members discussed the recommendations made by the Planning Committee: They include:

Delivery: White Pine will pay for one day delivery.

Valley Library Consortium annual membership & seat fee will be divided among the 10 participating libraries. The cost will be \$225.00 per library.

Overdrive: The 12 participants will pay a 10% administrative fee (\$150.00 each).

State Aid: Membership fee will be assessed at \$.2413 per capita for FY10/11.

Staffing:

Staffing reduced by \$34,041

Director 35 hours
Tech person 28
Bookkeeper 20
Secretary 20

Benefits reduced by \$23,518

\$33,738.54 will be taken from the fund balance to balance the budget.

Notes:

Delivery:

Effective July 1st delivery increases to \$1,200.00 for two days delivery.

White Pine will continue to pay for two days delivery for members July – September 30, 2010.

Effective October 1st White Pine will pay for 1 day delivery. Members should renew for at least two day service. The Cooperative will bill members for 1 day after October 1st. Libraries can change the number of days they receive on a monthly basis.

OCLC Services: TLN is interested in contracting with White Pine for OCLC services. Volume in not expected to be high. TLN will pay an annual fee of \$15,000.00 for the service. There will be a limit or cap in place which means they will be charged if they go over the limit.

It was the consensus of those present that the recommendations be sent to the board for approval.

Marcia Dievendorf thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Meet the Candidates: There will be a Meet the Candidates meeting on September 20th at White Pine. A list of questions to ask was reviewed. It was recommended that MeL (databases, matching funding) and broadband internet issues be added to the list so that candidates are given background on some of the questions.

Bryon will be issuing the invitations but recommended that membership also invite the legislators in their service area.

Advocacy: Bryon reported that MLA is working with a lobbying group to keep state aid at 8 million. Bryon recommended that they ask for more to insure libraries receive adequate funding.

Invitation to Harbor Beach: Members are invited to visit and tour the newly renovated Harbor Beach Library on Wednesday, May 26, at 10:30 am. Vicki will send out e-mail with the details.