

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes, December 8, 2010

Welcome: Bryon Sitler welcomed those present.

Minutes: Nannette Pretzer moved to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2010 Advisory Council Meeting. Mary Jaworski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Bryon reported that:

He attended MLA in November.

State aid is set at \$.18903 per capita.

He visited Ogemaw District Library to talk about district and local issues.

Sebewaing and Unionville have received grants to get automated through the 2010 Reinhardt Library fund.

Electronic filing of federal taxes goes into effective January 1, 2011.

There will be a presentation on "10 steps to protect your money" at the February 9, 2011 Advisory Council meeting.

Libraries were reminded to send a copy of their completed state aid form to wplc.

Insurance Coverage for Members: McLaren Health will allow White Pine to be the fiscal agent for a group. Bryon is still waiting for information from the others.

Performers Showcase: The showcase will be held on January 12, 2011 at the Bullard Sanford Library in Vassar. The Showcase will be held from 10:00-3:00. Performers who have committed to the showcase are:

Joel Tacey
Paleo Joe
Drumcommunity
Richard Paul
Ring of Steel
Rosco the Clown
Kevin Devine
Baffling Bill
Jennifer Straus

Members should register if they haven't already done so.

Amicus Brief:

The Herrick District Library has succeeded in its court action challenging the State Aid Rules enacted by the Library of Michigan. Bryon recommended filing an Amicus Brief to support the ruling.

Marsha Boyd moved to recommend to the board to support the filing of an Amicus Brief in the Herrick District Library suit to stop the Library of Michigan from applying the new administrative laws and state aid rules and to send \$500.00 in support. Jim Rancilio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

State Aid Resolutions: Members reviewed the resolution to direct the state librarian to distribute state aid and the resolution to distribute \$1.5 million supplemental appropriation in state aid.

Jim Rancilio moved to recommend to the board to pass the two resolutions. Jeanette Bach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Legislation: Bryon spoke of the necessity of libraries getting in touch with the new members of the Legislature. He recommends sending regular (monthly) notices of what is happening in the library, with statistics and activities that are going on. Inviting Legislators to hold their "coffee hours" in the library is a good way to get them in the building. Then a tour of the library with explanations of how important the library is to the community will help with our cause. With so many new Legislators, we need to be training them early about libraries.

Writ of Mandamus for State Aid payment: cannot be acted upon until September 30th.

Rural Development Loans/Grants: Bryon will contact someone to come and talk to membership.

Air Advantage: Aaron Schippert reported on the intent and progress of the grant to install fiber in the Thumb area

Merit Network: Debbie DeSousa and Jason Russell reported on the progress Merit is making on its fiber network project.