

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**

June 8, 2011

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

Agenda: Bryon added Delivery Charges Per Capita and Original Cataloging to the Agenda.

Minutes: Marsha Boyd moved to approve the March 9, 2011 minutes as submitted. Lee Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Bryon reported that:

- The state's budget was finalized in May. State Aid is expected to be .17 cents per capita. The recommendation from the Legislature is that it will continue at .17 cents through budget year 2013.
- New population figures will be used for filling out the October 1, 2011 State Aid Reports. There will be a few new questions concerning 3rd grade literacy. The questions have not yet been determined.
- The Sherman Township Library opened officially April 1st. Their new director is Ben Huffman.
- Lee Martin, Director of the Valley Library Consortium is serving on White Pine's Board. He is representing Special Libraries.
- Delivery costs beginning July 1st will increase to \$1,310.00 (one stop) per year. WPLC will pay \$163.75 per library towards the last quarter of the Cooperative's fiscal year. (July-September). Beginning October 1, 2011 White Pine will not cover any delivery costs for its members.
- Woodlands Library Cooperative is no longer providing OCLC service to its members. White Pine will provide this service for a fee to those libraries who are interested.
- Four more libraries have joined OverDrive. They are Pigeon District Library, West Branch Public Library, Thomas Township Library and St. Charles District Library. 19 Libraries are now participating.
- Changes in population resulted in four libraries going down one class size. They are Aitkin Memorial District Library, Brown City Public Library, Caro Area District Library and Gladwin County District Library.

- A second waiver for LSTA funds for FY 2012 was approved.
- Two member libraries will be participating in McLaren Health Insurance. McLaren is currently reviewing the applications and confirmation should be received by this Friday.
- The appeal for the Herrick District Library lawsuit was ruled against the Library of Michigan. If the Library of Michigan appeals again, it will have to appeal to the Supreme Court of Michigan.
- Anne Seuryneck asked Bryon to share with membership that they plan to develop and offer a Trustee series of workshops. These programs will be webinars and Foster Swift will offer them pro bono. Bryon will send more information out to membership.
- **Annual Meeting:** WPLC's annual meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2011. The annual meeting will be held at the Saginaw Public Schools Instructional and Staff Development Center. Michael Stephens will speak on intergenerational services in the library and Emilie Stawiarski will speak on navigating HR laws and regulations, intergenerationally. Look for more information as the schedule is firmed up.

Booklist On-Line Subscription: Two libraries are interested in subscribing to Booklist online. They will pay \$237.50 each. Contact Bryon if your library is interested in the subscription service.

Health Insurance: Two libraries have agreed to participate in McLaren Health Insurance. McLaren is currently reviewing the applications and should confirm participation by Friday.

Plan of Service: Bryon reported that White Pine's current plan of service expires September 30, 2012. Members discussed whether a Plan of Service Committee was needed. It was the consensus of those present that the current plan should be maintained as is because there is no funding for new services.

The Plan of Service needs to reflect the delivery change for next year. Bryon will look at the current plan to see what other changes need to be made.

Budget 2011/2012: The proposed budget (\$299,678.70) reflects 17 cents per capita, a density payment of \$3.00 per square mile, reduced hours/salaries for staff and \$45,081.70 taken from fund balance to balance the budget. The board will review the budget in the afternoon.

Delivery Costs Per Capita: A discussion took place on the possibility of changing delivery costs to a per capita formula. Bryon reported that this would benefit some libraries but be bad for others. Other ideas were: contacting MCLS to see if they would consider one day delivery or using 1 drop for several libraries.

Original Cataloging: TLN will no longer be a source for original cataloging for White Pine members. Susan Pritts may be interested in picking up this service. Bryon will explore this idea with Lee Martin from the Valley Library Consortium to see if it can be worked out.

Personal Property Tax: Bryon reported that if Personal Property tax is eliminated later this year, libraries will lose monies from their budget. No one knows what will replace it or how it will affect libraries. Libraries could end up with nothing. The web site is:
http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1751_2228_21957_45819-242002--,00.html

He will send out site information where libraries can go to find their taxable value. It will list Personal Property Tax. Bryon also encouraged members to contact Gretchen Couraud at MLA and tell her how much your library would lose.

Libraries were also encouraged to tell her why you think Cooperatives are valuable. She is hearing from some libraries that Cooperatives should be closed.

White Pine has recently negotiated Overdrive and movie licensing prices for its members.