

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

DRAFT Minutes March 14 2012

Welcome: Mary Chasseur welcomed everyone.

Members introduced themselves.

Minutes: Jill Fox moved to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2011 Advisory Council Meeting. Bryan Dinwoody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Bryon Sitler reported that:

- The December Advisory Council Meeting was held in Alma. The meeting was mostly a workshop on digitizing newspapers.
- The 2011 audit has been completed and distributed to the board.
- PA 152, the Public Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. Lawyers have stated that this act does apply to libraries. It is the 80/20 split for insurance payments. The tax is being added to the monthly premium.
- White Pine is again offering original cataloging to its members. Susan Pritts will catalog materials. The cost is \$12.00 if the item is not on OCLC and \$8.00 if it is. She will teach a cataloging webinar in April. More information will be coming.
- The Library of Michigan can no longer require the number of hours a library must be open or the library director to be full time.
- **HB5335:** requires a vote in person rather than over the phone or through teleconferencing. This bill will probably pass and covers all those who are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

Audit: The 2011 audit has been completed. Approximately \$2,000.00 was taken from the fund balance to balance the budget. This was less than expected. Libraries were funded at .22 cents per capita this year and this will probably remain the same for next year.

Personal Property Tax: This tax is going to be eliminated. It is hoped that libraries will receive approximately 80% of what they are currently getting as replacement funds for the tax. It is still unclear where the replacement funds will come from or when the tax will be eliminated.

CDA Survey: Bryon reported that the Survey has been completed and the results shared with Nancy Robertson and others. The reason for the survey was to show the Michigan Library Association and the Library of Michigan what Cooperatives do and that they are valued.

Overall the results statewide and from White Pine were positive.

Desired training included: computer/software, Beginning Workshop, Basic Cataloging and Marketing.

Most desired services included (in the order of importance):

Delivery
Advocacy
CE
Group Purchasing
Consulting

Least desired services include:

E-rate application
Wide Area Network
Shared Automation Systems
Web Hosting

Bryon will e-mail his Power Point Presentation to membership.

Statistical Report: Bryon reported on changes in member libraries services, hours, staff, collection and materials usage. This information was taken from members state aid reports.

Rides/Delivery: Bryon will begin working on next year's budget in April. He reported that White will pay for 1 day delivery next year. Four libraries currently are not participating in Melcat. They are Fostoria, Ashley, Fairgrove and Sherman Township. They do not receive delivery.

Candidate Meetings: Members discussed holding candidate meetings. It was decided that the meetings would be held again in the different districts and candidates running in the next election would be invited. More information will be sent out.