

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes, March 13, 2013

Welcome: Mary Chasseur welcomed everyone. Members introduced themselves.

Minutes: There were no minutes to approve.

Director's Report: Bryon Sitler reported that:

- He visited Port Austin's new construction. It is a beautiful addition.
- Several more libraries have signed up for Health Insurance through the Cooperative. He is waiting on more information from Fosters, Collins and Smith concerning the Affordable Care Act to see what it will mean for libraries.
- The Personal Property Tax bill has passed. They are still working on clean up legislation.
- Bryon attended six legislative sessions held in October.
- The 2012 Audit has been completed and will be presented to the board in the afternoon.
- The Rural Libraries Conference will be held April 30 – May 2, 2014 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island.
- There will be a mini broadband Conference held in Lansing on May 1st.
- MeL is revising its discovery layer. It will operate like Google. One entry will search all of the databases.
- Upcoming workshops include:

March 19, 2013 Webinar on gun possession/people who open carry in the library.

March 27, 2013 Policies (WPLC)

May 29, 2013 Grant Writing (WPLC)

October 9, 2013 Annual Conference (Horizon's Conference Center)

Personnel law – Brian Mortimer

Demographics, Ken Darga

How to remain sane in an insane world – Jim Van Bochove

- The Night of Notables will be held on April 27th at the Library of Michigan.

Performer's Showcase: No changes will be made. Performers and their contact information will continue to be made available online.

Privacy Act Revisions and Surveillance Tapes: A few members reported that they had cameras in their libraries. Locations and usage were discussed. Currently, libraries cannot break patron confidentiality by turning over the tapes to the police.. A court order is needed for a library to turn over the tape for identification purposes. Libraries can however, report a crime without identifying the person. It is unclear at this time if this will be revised. MLA has not taken up this cause as of now.

Sharing:

Want to track or label your fiction book series? Check out these recommended sites:

www.fantasticfiction.com

www.fictfact.com

Where to go for programming ideas? Recommended ideas include:

Check local community people to share their hobbies and interests.

Get Ronald MacDonald to visit your library.

Contact your local bank. Sometimes banks will be willing to fund a performer for your library.

Contact the DNR for a free informational program and to bring in a different clientele.

Presentation: Kyle Wiseman/Library Ideas.

This company designs products to help libraries in the digital world. Databases available include:

Freegal: Music downloads.

Includes over 8 million songs.

Currently 3600 libraries subscribe.

Patrons have access to the database through the library.

Music can be downloaded to ipods, mp3 players, streaming available for 45 second trial.

Pricing based on population served and circulation.

Statistics available.

Freeding: Books.

25,000 children's and adult books available.

Library pays small fee every time book is checked out. Average cost per book is .85 cents.

Checkout time 2 weeks and then expires. Renewals are free.
There are no platform fees.

Rocket Languages:

Is a language learning database.
Includes 13 languages. American sign language is included.

Library Ideas is willing to give the Cooperative discount pricing and a free trial subscription for these databases.

Bryon will send out pricing information about these databases.