

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes, December 9, 2015
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Welcome

Attendees introduced themselves.

Agenda

Bryon asked that Culture Grams be added to the Agenda, under Overdrive.

Approval of Minutes

Kate Van Auken moved to approve the August 19, 2015 and September 23, 2015 Advisory Council minutes. Tari Dusek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's report

Bryon presented his report. The main items discussed were: libraries must have their FOIA policy on their websites; MLA attendance and vendor brochures; Board training in Deckerville; State Aid reports are to be sent to Bryon; Pam Christianson will be the new director at Superiorland Library Cooperative; another option for downloadable books, Dark Stores and TIFA legislation talking points.

Old Business: None

New Business

MLA Report. Tax capture (TIFAs) legislation was discussed. Jack Brandenburg, Legislative Committee Financial Chair, supports the "opt in" addition to new TIFAs. Bryon asked members to contact their legislators concerning the TIFA legislation and on the long term effects the "dark store" tax assessments will have on all public organizations.

Bad Axe and Rawson Memorial Libraries were able to work out an agreement with their DDAs.

Tour of Michigan Archives. Members said they would be interested in touring the Michigan Archives. Bryon will make arrangements sometime in late March, early April.

Zinio Magazines. Bryon forwarded a message on November 5th from The Library Network with information on other libraries joining in Zinio. There are 235 titles. If library circulation is below 50,000, the annual price is \$581.25 operating plus \$380 content fee; above 50,000 the annual prices is \$1162.50 plus \$380. Beverly Dear asked if Bryon could re-send the email. Nanette Pretzer asked if the patron barcodes needs to be 14-digit. There was also a question about pro-rated pricing if libraries joined outside the deadline. Bryon will check and email membership the answers.

Overdrive meeting. Bryon discussed 3M Cloud Library/Bibliotech e-/audiobooks, which is less expensive than Overdrive yet offers much of the same content and functionality. Bryon will schedule an Overdrive meeting in late January, early February and invite the vendor.

Culture Grams are no longer a part of MeL. The Cooperatives are looking at doing a state-wide purchase. Rochelle Siler was concerned about opening the door to vendors to have Cooperatives pay for content that the state should be providing. Members said this is used mostly by students. Bryon will recommend that the Department of Education provide the funding.

Membership News

Rose Rice mentioned that Bridgeport Public Library receives money from an estate yearly. This year she received \$5000 and will use the money for AWE computers. Stephanie Olson said that the new East Tawas branch library is building a new building, going from 1300 sq. ft. to 5000 sq.ft. Billie Jo Bluemer, Hemlock, said they have their land for their new building. Jill Brown, Deckerville, Adult Coloring Clubs have been very successful in October and November with 20 attendees. Bruce Guy said that Beaverton has moved to a new facility. They are in a re-vamped school which is a great community center that includes a pre-school, Michigan Health, physical therapy, and fitness center/gym.