

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING

March 14, 2007

A regular meeting of the White Pine Library Cooperative Board was held on March 14, 2007 at the White Pine Library Cooperative Headquarters, 3210 Davenport, Saginaw, MI 48602.

Present and voting: Dan Stock, Tari Dusek, Beverly Dear, Jeanette Morrish, Mary Chasseur, Barbara Butch, Bruce Guy, Gail Nartker, Erin Schmandt, Ervin Bell and Judi Chelekis.

Also present: Bryon Sitler, Karen Puszykowski and Jane Piersall.

1. **Call to Order:** Board Chair, Jeanette Morrish called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Bryon Sitler asked that Contract with Northland Library Cooperative be added under new business. Judi Chelekis moved to approve the agenda with the above addition. Tari Dusek seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The board reviewed the financial reports for January and February 2007. Mary Chasseur moved to ratify the bills for January through March 2007. Erin Schmandt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Minutes:** Dan Stock moved that the minutes from the January 10, 2007 board meeting be approved as submitted. Judi Chelekis seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Director's Report:** Bryon reported that:
 - He had been meeting with legislators throughout the state about funding.
 - The Senate HAL Appropriations Subcommittee met on February 27th. 5 members from White Pine attended.
 - 10 libraries have indicated that they are interested in joining White Pine.
 - He has presented policy workshops at other cooperatives.
 - The Cooperative Directors' Association has formed a committee to explore the future of Cooperatives. Bryon Sitler is chair.

6. **Potential New Members:** Bryon Sitler reported that:

10 new libraries may be interested in applying to White Pine for membership. Adding the new libraries would not affect White Pine's density grant. The new members were approved by the advisory council at the morning meeting. The board reviewed a budget with and without the new members.

Judi Chelekis moved that the board and members of White Pine welcome them as members if they choose to apply. Gail Nartker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bryon Sitler will write a letter welcoming them to join.

7. **Northland Contract:** Bryon reported that Jennifer Dean has resigned as director of the Northland Library Cooperative and has accepted a position at SVSU.

The board discussed the possibility of Northland contracting for director services with White Pine.

The contract could include:

\$25,000 payable monthly.
Bryon attending board and advisory council meetings.
Signing checks every 2 weeks.

Beverly Dear moved that Bryon continue to explore contractual interim services with Northland Library Cooperative. Barbara Butch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. **Member Contracts:** The board reviewed a sample membership contract. It was decided that the contract would be sent to any new library joining the cooperative.

9. **Other:** None.

10. **Public Comments:**

Vassar Schools: Has a successful book club for High School kids. 3 different book clubs meet, talk about books and share ideas.

11. **Meeting Schedule:**

No board meeting in April.
May board meeting changed to May 2nd.
June 6th Advisory Council meeting will be held in Lansing at the Library of Michigan.
The August Advisory Council and board meetings will be held at their regularly scheduled times.

12. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.