

Board report August 1, 2007

Attended several meetings with the Capital Library Cooperative Board on issues concerning the closure and adding members to White Pine.

We have all ten signed contracts from the new members. I will deliver them personally to Kathy Webb when I go to the Capital Library Cooperative headquarters in Jackson. CLC is turning over some of its supplies and equipment to WPLC when it closes.

Prepared a revised FY07 budget.

Prepared the FY08 budget.

Attended the Open House in Alma (June 1) and in Clare (June 8) for their new buildings.

Our Annual meeting will be October 10, 2007 at the Horizon Conference Center. George Needham will be the main speaker. He will speak on the future of libraries.

Contacted members to get new Board members. The Board is complete for FY08.

Contacted legislators about releasing State Aid funds. Sent Thank You notes to all legislators when State Aid was released.

Contacted federal Senators to ask them to support SB215 maintaining net neutrality.

There is an effort in the legislature to rename penal fines civil fines. That would allow them to be used to fund courts rather than any of the money going to libraries.

Rep. Amos is ready to introduce legislation to allow "opt out" for libraries for tax capture bills. MLA is working on this. PPT cuts will not affect libraries. They will affect schools, but they will get reimbursement from State. November 7 is MLA Legislative day in Lansing, part of the MLA Conference.

State Aid: First checks went out June 18, 2007. Second checks will be mailed in August.

Revised the library profiles, added some of the QSAC measures and penal fine information and other bits of information into the spreadsheet.

Worked a lot with the Cooperative Remix Committee on the future of cooperatives, the services they should offer and how to finance them.

Coop Directors came up with the following five core services that each cooperative must offer.

- Library development
- Technology support
- Group discounts
- Support services