

Board report: March 2007

There will be no Bats for libraries program this year due to the April date and requirement to sell at least 1000 tickets.

January 19 – Open House for Tony Stamas in E. Tawas.

February 2 – Open House for Andy Coulouris in Saginaw.

This was the last of the open houses. Turn out has been good at all of them. I feel they have been positive experiences for the librarians and the legislators.

February 19 – went to Cass City to discuss issues with Rep. Terry Brown. We didn't actually have an open house with him. We could not find a date.

On January 26, presented the Policies workshop in Lawrence for Southwest Coop.

February 8, presented Boards, Roles and Responsibilities in Bad Axe.

On February 9, presented the Policies workshop in Grand Rapids for Lakeland Coop.

Prepared information for potential new members for White Pine.

On February 2, I met with officials from LM and Capital LC, Woodlands LC to discuss how new members may join White Pine.

February 7: I met with librarians from Gratiot and Clinton counties to discuss White Pine and its services; and how they could join if they decide to. I updated the presentation on White Pine Services and distributed copies to the attendees.

On March 7, I attended the Capital Library Cooperative Board meeting to answer questions and give a presentation to the Board on White Pine Library Cooperative.

Prepared updated library profiles for all of the members and distributed them.

The Library Laws Handbook has been updated and is available on the LM website.

We have a new sign for White Pine. The old one blew away.

We have been working to wrap up the Gates Grant activities.

I have been in touch with each of our legislators concerning the State Aid cuts. Most have been quite supportive.

There were 5 representatives from the White Pine Library Cooperative area at the Senate HAL Appropriations Subcommittee on February 27<sup>th</sup>. There was some great testimony at the hearing. The House HAL Subcommittee is meeting 3/14/07. All of the subcommittees are to report their budget recommendations to the full Appropriations Committees this week. The Governor is announcing the second Ex. Order on Thursday.

The Cooperative Directors' Association appointed a committee to investigate the future of cooperatives. I am the Chair of the group and have been doing research on what our future could be. So far, we have only had e-mail discussions, but will meet as a group later in the month. Nancy Robertson will also meet with us so that we are all working towards the same goals.

Upcoming workshops:

Beginning Workshop, various dates – starts today (3/14)

March 3, in Sandusky, Board Training – canceled due to lack of registrations

March 23, in Saginaw, How to pass a millage

March 30, in Saginaw, How to pass a millage, PR

April 2, in Midland, Town meeting with Nancy Robertson

April 19, in Lansing, Legislative Brunch – there will be 10 speakers, 5 of them from White Pine area. Each speaker has only 3 to 5 minutes.

April 21, in Saginaw, Board Training

April 27, in Saginaw, Children's services with story telling and crafts  
May 7-9, in Traverse City, Rural Libraries Conference  
May 16, in Saginaw, Retention Act and how it applies to libraries  
May 23 and 24, NEDCC Disaster Planning Workshops in E. Lansing and Troy.