

## Board report October, 2006

Sent invitations to all candidates to attend the meeting today.

Representative Joel A. Sheltroun & Representative John Espinoza are unable to attend. They are in Lansing. We have heard from only 5 of the candidates so far. 2 out of 38 candidates will be here today. That shows we have a lot of marketing to do with those running for office.

Revised the Plan of Service and Board By-laws that pertain to Board membership and voting. The new wording alludes to the incorporation of non-public members sitting on the WPLC Board.

I visited the Wickson Library in Frankenmuth.

Prepared the final 2005/6 budget.

Attended a phone conference with the Library of Michigan concerning the Gates PAC/HUG grants. The cooperative will assist in getting the grant monies to the participating libraries.

I have been exploring several options for retirement services for Coop employees, and health insurance via MERS.

October 25<sup>th</sup>—Children's Services, Elizabeth Andresen.

November 8<sup>th</sup>—Regional Meeting, Identity Theft and What you can do to Protect yourself. Attorney from the Michigan Attorney's Office and Maureen Burns will do a presentation on How to deal with difficult people. Anne Margaret Lewis, writer of children's books will speak at 3:15 on 11/8. Barnes & Noble is sponsoring her. B & N will have Lewis' books available for sale and signing.

We are planning to repeat the millage workshop this spring with Bill Schroer. On March 23, 2007 will be the How to pass a millage workshop and on March 30, 2007 will be "part 2" How to market the library. The workshops will probably be in Saginaw. We are still looking for a location.

Met with Bob Blandin, Investor Protection Plus and the Library of Michigan, concerning investor workshops in public libraries. These are free, non-commercial investment workshops on how to invest. The group will come to our January meeting to talk about the program of workshops available, at no charge, to libraries.

The performers showcase has been scheduled for January 10, 2007.

Mid Michigan Hospital, Midland, has requested to rejoin White Pine.  
Bay City Schools also wants to rejoin as associate member.

AT&T (SBC) grant is complete. Sheila has held 6 training sessions for the participants. Each participating library now has a web site of its own.

The audit dates have been set for the first week of November.