

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes, December 5, 2007

A regular meeting of the White Pine Library Cooperative Board was held on December 5, 2007 at the White Pine Library Cooperative Headquarters.

Present and voting: Tari Dusek, Mary Chasseur, Bruce Guy, Marsha Boyd, Mimi Herrington, Rose Rice Gutierrez and Jim Rancilio.

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

Absent: Rene Prado, Barbara Butch, Ervin Bell and Judi Chelekis.

1. **Call to Order:** Board Chair Mimi Herrington called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Mary Chasseur moved to approve the agenda as presented. Rose Rice Gutierrez seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The board reviewed the financial reports for October and November 2007. Rose Rice Gutierrez moved to ratify the bills for October and November 2007. Tari Dusek seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Minutes:** Jim Rancilio moved to accept the minutes from the October 10, 2007 board meeting as submitted. Marsha Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Director's Report:** Bryon reported that:

Computers would be ordered for those libraries participating in the Gates Grant after the money had been received. Mimi has signed the Gates Grant contracts and they will be mailed to the Library of Michigan for signatures.

6. **Budget 2008 Revision:** Bryon reported that when the FY 2008 Budget was initially presented to the board it was unclear what funding would be. The budget was approved with a 50% reduction when the actual reduction was 17%. This resulted in extra dollars added to income.

Bryon recommended the following:

Purchase of 4 new computers for the staff.

Purchase of 2 new servers.

Purchase of Office 2007 for 2 computers

\$10,000 to start a PR committee.

Rose Rice Gutierrez moved to approve the 2008 revised budget for \$549,382.34 with the above changes. Tari Dusek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With additional discussion Tari Dusek moved to provide the staff with a 4% salary increase retro-active to October 1, 2007. Mary Chasseur seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rose Rice Gutierrez moved to reinstate 1 day of work for staff beginning January 1, 2008. Jim Rancilio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. **New Services:** Two new services for members are Collection Evaluation and PR.

PR and Collection Evaluation committees have been formed to formulate ideas and make recommendations to membership and the board.

Tari Dusek recommended that an article be written in the news to educate the public about cooperatives.

Jim Rancilio recommended a generic press release that could be sent out for membership usage.

8. **Other:** Bryon Sitler reported that a subcommittee of three had been formed and recommended that Cooperatives remain in place but with less funding. Swing aid would go away.

State aid would be divided as follows:

1/3 would pay for state databases.

1/3 would go to public libraries.

1/3 would go to Cooperatives.

It is unknown at this point what the final outcome will be.

9. **Public Comments:** None.

10. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.