

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE  
BOARD MEETING**

February 21, 2008 Minutes

A regular meeting of the White Pine Library Cooperative Board was held on February 21, 2008 at the White Pine Library Cooperative Headquarters.

***Present and voting:*** Mary Chasseur, Bruce Guy, Marsha Boyd, Mimi Herrington, Rose Rice Gutierrez, Barbara Butch, Tari Dusek and Ervin Bell.

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

***Absent:*** Rene Prado, Jim Rancilio and Judi Chelekis.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Bryon Sitler asked that Check Signatures and State Aid Payments be added to the Agenda. Rose Rice Gutierrez moved to approve the agenda with the additions. Barb Butch seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** The Board reviewed the financial statements for January 2008. Marsha Boyd moved to ratify the bills for January/February 2008. Rose Rice Gutierrez seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Director's Report:** Bryon reported that:
  - The Gates Grant computer orders have been completed.
  - Win Way and Deep Freez have been ordered.
  - Individual library profiles based on state aid reports have been finished and sent out.
  - Bryon attended an Open House for Representative Ken Horn in Frankenmuth. He is willing to work on legislation supporting Cooperatives.
  - Letters stating that White Pine does not support Nancy's proposal were sent to Nancy Robertson, Governor Granholm, Dr. Bill Anderson and Gretchen Couraud. The letter has also been posted on Nancy's blog.
4. **State Aid Plans and Cooperatives:** The board discussed contacting legislators and educating them on the importance of Cooperatives. Bryon will prepare talking/funding points and send them out to member libraries to use when meeting with their representatives.
5. **Resignation:** Bryon Sitler reported that he was resigning as director of White Pine and has accepted the position of Executive Director at the Traverse Des Sioux Library System. The system is a 9 county cooperative located in Mankato Minnesota. He starts his new position on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was the consensus of the board to hire an interim director. It is still unclear what role Cooperatives will have in the future. Bryon recommended that Martha McKee or Jeff Johnson fill the position. Both have experience with Cooperatives.

Bryon has contacted Jeff Johnson who is interested and he will also call Martha McKee.

Jeff Johnson will be invited to the March advisory and board meeting.

6. **New Rules:** Bryon reported that the administrative rules governing the State of Michigan may change. The proposed new rules are intended to assist the State with implementing the current State Aid to Public Libraries Act.

The new rules will be posted for public comments for 60 days.

Board members were encouraged to read the new rules and send their comments to Bryon.

7. **Signature Stamp:** A second signature is required on White Pine's checks before Bryon leaves. Bryon recommended that a signature stamp be made for Mimi Herrington. Tari Dusek would still remain a check signer. Mary Chasseur moved that a signature stamp be made for Mimi Herrington. Tari Dusek seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. **Membership Billing:** Bryon reported that Karen and Jane suggested that member libraries be billed for only 50% of their membership fee in FY 2009. This would be a one year adjustment and an incentive for libraries to remain in the Cooperative. This will be discussed with the membership at the next advisory council meeting before a decision is made.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.