

Board report January 14, 2009

Revised the Plan of Service to reflect changes: That all of the cooperatives are working on to work more closely with each other and state initiatives. I have spent a lot of time on the QSAC 3-year Plan that the cooperatives are working on with LM and the Plan of Service template that the cooperatives are working on to create a standard format. Actually, we are using the format that White Pine is using.

Have been reading LSTA grants, as part of my duties on the LSTA Advisory Council. There is a meeting at LM on the 20th to discuss them and select awardees.

I went to Ovid-Elsie Schools on the January 8 to discuss services to school libraries with staff there.

Reminder of licenses to show films/videos in the library. MPA will be losing Disney. Be very careful with this.

Working on annual reports as they come in. Remember they are due in 2 weeks.

The PR campaign is a little behind schedule. However, H&H is working on the web site: fuelyourmind.org. It should be operational by the end of the month. H&H has prepared radio and TV scripts and will be hiring actors to perform them in the near future. The newspaper ads are prepared. Spartans stores have indicated interest in assisting with the program. Forward companies are also interested. Both have a large presence in the White Pine area.

White Pine has signed up with Ready Talk: This is a way of working with and meeting with on documents on-line. The person hosting the meeting invites participants. They can view what is on the computer of the host. Each dials in (12 cents per minute billed to host) and can discuss changes on the document, etc.

There will be an Open House for Rep. Terry Brown (Huron and Tuscola Counties) in Pigeon on January 16 from 1 to 3.

So far, no other legislator has contacted me about attending an Open House since Rep. Paul Opsommer from DeWitt. We were there on 12/16.

Rules: HAL has sent the final version to the Joint Committee on Administrative Affairs. This committee will approve, or disapprove them, and send them on to the SOS office. The process is that they will be accepted and then become effective Oct. 1, 2009. The final version still does not have a continuing education requirement. That is a major concern of mine. So, since Sen. Barcia is on the Joint Committee, I wrote him to state my concerns. He has not responded yet. He may join us in Pigeon on Friday.

Upcoming workshops

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Book binding, parts 1 and 2: the first is basic repair; the second is more advanced – for rare documents, etc.

Due to increased hits on our server, from people and places we are not doing business with, we have changed the Internet Pornography workshop's name to Internet obscenities.