

Board report July 8, 2009

We now have two more banking institutions. To alleviate concern that White Pine had too much money in one bank, I opened two more accounts. One is at Team One Credit Union. This is a liquid assets account which pays 1.59% interest. The other is liquid assets account is in United Financial Credit Union. It pays 1.25%. The checking account remains at Citizens.

The Carsonville-Port Sanilac Schools have applied for membership in White Pine. Agenda item.

Wrote a letter to the Governor outlining my opposition to the new Rules for State Aid to Public Libraries. I copied it to Sen. Barcia and Rep. Stamas. Both are on the Joint Committee for Administrative Rules. The Rules were passed. The JCAR did not take them up in time to forestall their taking effect. None of the 5 Committee members that I communicated with knew the Rules existed.

We have replaced 3 hard drives in the computer lab. They are all over 5 years old and dying. To replace all the computers in the lab will be costly. I recommend that we use other labs in the area. Saginaw Schools will let us use their lab at no cost. It seats 30. SVSU's lab seats 60 and will also be at no cost. The ISD has 27 seats and costs \$150 per half day. Since we only use the lab 5- 8 times a year, this should not be a hardship. Both other locations have parking. . Karl and I have discussed this. VLC may update the lab. If so, there would be a charge for WP to use it. No amount has been discussed.

I re-worked the Policies presentation that I presented a couple of years ago and presented it at the Rural Libraries Conference. The RLC session was 75 minutes. The workshop is currently a 3-hour presentation. I left out most of the personnel and patron behavior sections in order to make the program shorter.

About 89 people attended the Policies workshop at the RLC.

The Cooperative Directors' Association booth was quite busy at the conference.

Attended the PR campaign kick off in Bridgeport on April 14 and had an interview with WSGW News to explain Fuelyourmind.org. In April, after the kick off, there were over 60,000 hits on the web page. During May, there were over 80,000 hits, with 2,120 unique hits. Woodlands Library Cooperative is the only other Coop. that signed up to go with Fuelyourmind.org.

MMLL videotaped its performance showcase. We have a copy. Contact Karen

I will be on the VLC Board starting July 2009.

White Pine has a new Board member. Mary Jaworski, Port Austin replaces Sharry Huck who resigned for personal reasons.

17 people took advantage of White pine's offer to pay the registration fee for the RLC.

On June 1, I went to Breckenridge to talk to the board about becoming a district library.

For our annual meeting, we are working with Genessee District Library and Public Libraries of Saginaw. This will allow us to share travel costs 3 ways. There will be some staff members from the other libraries at our annual meeting in October 14. It will be an excellent staff in-service training day. Warren Graham, the Black-belt Librarian will discuss safety in the work place. The cookbook author, Patty Pinner, will speak in the afternoon.

I have been contacting libraries to find members for the Board. We have 4 found people to replace the 5-outgoing members.

I have been in talks with Overdrive and Recorded books for downloadable materials. With Overdrive, the cost is based on numbers participating. With Recorded Books, it is based on circulation numbers. The costs are pretty comparable when taking into account availability, etc. At this point, only 7 have definitely said yes.

Lance Werner, Library Law Specialist at the Library of Michigan, has taken the position of Director, Capital Area Library District. He starts his duties there August 3, 2009. No word on when LM will be able to hire a replacement.

The BC/BS co-pay for the Director is \$68.66 per month. Currently WP budgets \$600 per month per employee; this results in a savings of: \$6376.08.

It appears that State Aid will be at \$.25 for FY09/10. The second check is still slated to be mailed the first couple of weeks in July. White Pine's State Aid income for FY10 will be \$238,763.50. Agenda item.

I took the Plan of Service to the Coop. directors' meeting last month (6/19/09) and handed it to Nancy to give to Lance. He called to discuss some sections. They are:

(discussion point on agenda)

Changes to Plan of Service recommended by Library of Michigan:

1. Change all references to Michigan electronic Library to: MeL.
  - a. Completed
2. Services should be listed in priority order
  - a. List in document is from collaborative meeting with LM staff stating what services will be offered across Michigan by cooperatives.
3. List of what members pay for beyond what State Aid pays for
  - a. Only workshops – this is stated in the document
4. List of contractual agencies used by cooperative to provide services to members.
  - a. Agencies are listed in document as part of services list rather than separate listing of outside agencies, such as “cooperative will contract with OCLC to provide bibliographic services”.
5. Change non-public libraries in the “Associates section” to “associate libraries.”
  - a. Completed
6. List the state-wide services cooperative is working on in conjunction with other cooperatives and LM such as MeLCat.
  - a. The list has not been created. MeLCat was listed as an example.
7. How does White Pine provide technological support for MeLCat?
  - a. This has been done mainly by training and assisting with downloading documents and software such as dcb.
  - b. This line was deleted from the document.

There has been no more information on when HAL will actually be dissolved. Of the 23 positions in the business office, only 3 people are left. Others have moved on to other departments.

A reporter from the newspaper in Chesaning called me to discuss the library's efforts to become a district library.