

Board report May 12, 2010

Spent a great deal of time on re-working our budget and preparing for Long Range Planning Committee meetings.

The Committee met on April 7, 2010.

MLA Fall conference Planning Committee also took up a lot of time. There were 105 programs plus keynote speakers to evaluate, discuss and decide on. The first meeting was via phone. The second was in Lansing on April 1, third 4/19 and the last 4/30. The next step is at the Conference.

Met with Rep. Jim Stamas in Hemlock on March 31.

Coop Directors met on April 16 in Lansing.

County Law re-write Committee met 4/20

The 2011 Rural Libraries Conference has been canceled. It is postponed until 2012. State Aid payments should all be completed by the end of May. Remember, they are paid in the order they are received.

Triple I is working on a program that will clean up the duplicate records in MelCat. A new server needs to be purchased by LM first. It is in the process. However, now all orders must go through an additional authorization site before being submitted. LM and MCLS are working with III, Sirsi/Dynix, AutoGraphics and other circ systems to perfect NCIP. This will eliminate the necessity of checking items out and in twice.

Prepared an agreement to use with other cooperatives that wish to participate with White Pine to provide OCLC ILL. So far, only 1 has agreed – TLN.

The Policies workshop in Alma on April 5 went well. Attendance was pretty low however.

As discussed at the last Board meeting, the checking account now only requires 1 signature for banking purposes. Citizen's Bank has been notified. However, all Cooperatives business still requires 2 signatures.

I have suggested to the Cooperative directors that each hold a state-wide meet-the-candidate session in each cooperative. The CDA is making more effort for advocacy for libraries.

Gave a presentation to the Rawsom Memorial Library Board on 4/20

MeLCat is looking for committee members.

Sent letters to Martha Scott and others concerning the texting legislation and diverting fines to agencies other than libraries. Our efforts were successful.

Census: Michigan rates as #5 in return of census forms.

Herrick District Library law suit has been given permission to continue. Att. General's office had requested it be dismissed.

More updates added to Fuelyourmind.org

Puppet workshop 5/20/10.

Graphic Novels workshop 9/1/10

Meet the legislative candidates 9/20/10

LANSING - Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today issued Executive Directive 2010-1 that clears the way for local units of government and other public entities such as school districts and universities to participate in state of Michigan health-care benefit plans offered to state employees. The action is part of a series of government reforms proposed by the governor in January.

I contacted the Governor's Office to ask if libraries could be part of this Directive. Rebecca Nevai returned me call to ask some questions. She is looking into it and will get back to me late May or early June.

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Provides information on what is happening with LM and its collections. The Committee's agendas and minutes are posted here.

Delivery: White Pine will pay for 1 delivery per week.
Libraries will pay the remainder. As an option to re-coop costs, they may choose to charge patrons a delivery fee of \$1. per item received.
This will save the cooperative \$27,600 per year.

Valley Library Consortium:

The annual membership and license (seat) fee will be divided equally among participating members.
There are 10 members. That equates to \$250 per year charge.

OverDrive: Libraries participating in the OverDrive project will pay a 10% administration fee to the Cooperative. That is \$180 per participating library.

State Aid: Membership fee will be assessed at \$.2413 per capita for FY10/11.

Staff hours and benefits:

Salaries will be reduced by \$34,041
Benefits will be reduced by \$23,518
Total savings of \$57,559

Staffing:

1 technology position reduced to no more than 32 hours per week.
1 administrative position reduced to no more than 20 hours per week.
1 bookkeeping position reduced to no more than 20 hours per week.
1 director position reduced to no more than 35 hours per week.

Fund Balance: We will still need to take \$33,738.54 out of Fund Balance.

Population: The current population is 419,665
The projected reduction in population loss is 18,000 to 20,000 for our service area. That, of course, will reduce our per capita income. This would become effective for FY12.