

### Board report February 9, 2011

The CDA Legislative committee has pretty much completed its revision of PA 164, County Library Law and PA 164, City Village and Township Library law. The next step is to hold informational meetings around the State to get reactions from library staffs. The first will be in Lakeview on March 3.

I am still working on health insurance questions and how to obtain coverage for the 1-person library. The Board will determine whether or not White Pine will act as an umbrella agency for members. There is no cost to White Pine to do this – other than staff time. We may want to charge a minimal fee to cover staff time.

This communication about the Michigan Health Partnership came in Monday morning:

According to an email update that I just received from the Civil Service, the state personnel director does not plan on further extending state insurance plans to additional local entities at this time, for several reasons. One is staff and infrastructure concerns, and another is the potential of other health care initiatives being researched that may soon make MHP obsolete. As any changes occur, I will be sure to update you.

Worked to find a possible policy for electronic banking for the Cooperative.

\$27,358.66 was deposited into our bank account last week. This is from the Supplemental Act funds.

State Aid Supplemental signature pages were distributed to the membership. The Cooperative was responsible for gathering them and sending them to the State Library in batches. This is complete.

The OverDrive consortium has added e-books to its collection.

In January I sent Gov. Snyder a letter outlining what Cooperatives in Michigan are and how they support libraries. I also sent a note to all of the legislators in White Pine about public libraries and their worth to their communities. This month I plan to send all of the legislators a note about cooperatives and what they do for members.

I have been monitoring State Aid Reports and updating statistics, also trying to figure out taxable values for each library. LM no longer provides this information.

White Pine participated with Lakeland and 3 other cooperatives in the Amicus Brief supporting Herrick District Library's suit against LM concerning the distribution of State Aid. On January 28, we received notice that the Court of Appeal accepted the brief along with the brief from Ann Arbor District Library.

The Resolution concerning State Aid payment was sent to LM et al. There has been no response.

Shirley Thompson, Board Chair of the Sherman Township Public Library contacted me to get information on cooperatives and how to join one. This is a new library; which will open April 1, 2011. It has a .75 millage as of the August election. The board is new and would like training. Shirley asked if White Pine would provide training. I said yes if the library is a member. On January 21, 2011 White Pine received a letter of intent from Sherman Township Public Library to join the Cooperative.

I have been working on a training session for the Board. It will be Saturday February 5, 2011 from 10am to 4pm.

Prepared a letter explaining Cooperatives to new legislators.

On 2/17/11, Gov Snyder will release his budget proposal. That is where and when we will find out more information on State Aid.

The CDA and MLA had a Telephone conference Tuesday 2/8/11 about the future of cooperatives.