

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MINUTES**

Minutes, March 9, 2011

A regular meeting of the White Pine Library Cooperative Board was held on March 9, 2011 at the White Pine Library Cooperative Headquarters.

Present and voting: Chris Haske, Vicki Mazure, Marcia Dievendorf, Sara Morrison, Sheila Bissonnette, Erin Schmandt, Jane New, and Jennifer Balcom.

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

Absent: Larry Haubenstricker and Mary Chasseur.

1. **Call to Order:** Board Chair Erin Schmandt called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.
2. **Agenda:** Sheila Bissonnette moved to approve the agenda. Vicki Mazure seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The financial reports for January and February 2011 were reviewed. Sara Morrison moved to approve the financial reports for January and February 2011 and ratify the bills for January and February 2011. Marcia Dievendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Minutes:** Chris Haske asked that the adjournment time be corrected to 2:11 pm in the February 9th minutes. Sheila Bissonnette moved to approve the February 9, 2011 board minutes with the correction. Jennifer Balcom seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Directors Report:** Bryon reported that Jennifer Walters had resigned from the board due to personal reasons and that Chris Haske would fulfill her term on the board.

Erin Schmandt reported that she had called Larry Haubenstricker to see if he was still on the board. She was unable to reach him and will try to reach him again through e-mail.
6. **Audit Report:** Jennifer Balcom moved to accept the audit committee's recommendation to approve the 2009-2010 Audit. Vicki Mazure seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Insurance:** McLaren Health will accept library staffs with one or more person if White Pine acts as the umbrella agency. Vicki Mazure moved that the board adopt a resolution that allows White Pine to act as the umbrella agency for members with

one or more staff seeking insurance through McLaren Health. Sheila Bissonnette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- 8. New Member:** Bryon Sitler explained that last month a financial quorum was not present and asked that the board vote again on Sherman Township's membership. **Marcia Dievendorf moved to accept Sherman Township Library as a member of the White Pine Library Cooperative. Sheila Bissonnette seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- 9. State Aid Reduction and Future of White Pine:** Bryon reported that for the fiscal year 2012 state aid was projected to be reduced to \$.1134 cents. This is not enough to operate the Cooperative.

Budget Options include:

Charging membership an additional .05 cents per capita for membership fee.

No delivery.

Close the Cooperative on Fridays.

All staff reduced to 20 hours.

32 hours for director.

Officially change in staff hours would be effective October 2011 but could go in to effect June 1st which would save the Cooperative more money.

The board reviewed delivery options for next year. Bryon will explore the idea of members paying delivery fees on a per capita basis. He will report back to the board.

- 10. Board Make Up:** Bryon reported that school and special libraries have been dropping their associate membership with the Cooperative and it was becoming difficult to fill that slot on the board.

Bryon will contact Lee Martin from the Valley Library Consortium to see if he is willing to complete Karen Dorsch's term on the board.

In the future we may have to change to a 9 member board with one non member.

- 11. Other:** None.

- 12. Public Comments:** None.

- 13. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.

