

Board report June, 2012

Prepared the fy 12/13 draft budget.

Attended the 4/20 Cooperative Directors' meeting in Lansing. N Robertson reported that the State Aid budget seems to have no problems for this year and should remain the same for the next fiscal year. An additional \$950,000 was put into the LM budget to help pay for MeL. MIRS reported 5/30 that there may be \$790,000 for libraries. It did not say what the money is for – state aid or? The additional money should translate into \$.24 per capita.

I have been following the elimination of the PPT very closely. It will have a major impact on some of the members – and no impact on others. The House has more or less tabled discussion until after the election in November. Then it will be a “lame duck” session making the decision. **Agenda item**

Talked with representatives from the Connect Michigan project while at the RLC and invited them to attend our meeting.

The 4/24 webinar on cataloguing went quite well. 34 people participated. Three other cooperatives joined us in the webinar – assisted in paying the bills. We shared the cost of the presenter and each cooperative paid its own ReadyTalk bill.

Attended the Rural Libraries Conference and the LSTA Advisory Council meeting in May.

Have talked with several potential speakers and Coop. directors about more and different workshops and webinars that we can present in the next year.

I took two on-line webinars on using Excel spreadsheets.

Several libraries have called to discuss personnel issues.
Several have also called to discuss reciprocity with neighbors.

Visited Ovid Public Library Board meeting on June 6.

On June 8, attended luncheon with Scott Zimmer, Air Advantage, concerning broadband installation in libraries in the Thumb.

Our FAX machine died and had to be replaced, as did my printer.

Thanks to Sheila Bissonnette, who volunteered “her” technology person, we were able to find a speaker for a petting zoo for e-readers. It was held May 30 with 18 attendees.

Jane and I worked for 2 or 3 days to get the Delta Dental invoices understood and corrected. It turns out a check was not credited to our account.

Continue to order e-books for OverDrive. There are now 32 libraries participating (to serve 352,633 people).

The Performers' Showcase plans to join with Mideastern Michigan Cooperative will not work. We will have to decide on whether or not to have our own or wait till next year. **Agenda item**

Worked with Houser & Hennessey to create a brochure for the Cooperative Directors' Association, for distribution to legislators, candidates and other state officials.

We will need 4 new board members starting October 2012-2014 term. I will be contacting directors to see who is willing to serve on the White Pine Board.

HB 5335 (videoconferencing) has not left committee.

Bill Schroer will be the presenter at the Annual meeting in October. His topic will be Customer Service.

Oprah has started a new book club: Oprah's Book Club 2.0 First title: “Wild”