

Board report March, 2012

11/14/11

Visited Howe Memorial Library to discuss becoming a district library.

11/17/11

Visited with the Bullard Sanford Board about director's contract.

11/18/11

Attended the LSTA Advisory Council meeting. I am on the Council.

Insurance: spent a great deal of time dealing with issues caused by lost paperwork at company.

The December meeting was mostly a workshop. Digitizing newspapers with Kim Hagerty, Archivist and Frank Boles, Archivist and of the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University.

The January meeting was the performers' showcase.

OverDrive

Continue to order e-books, prepare agenda for committee meeting.

The audit is complete and distributed to the Board members. We used less money from the fund balance than expected.

Continue to work on state aid reports – remember to send me a copy when you complete yours. Statistics have been compiled and will be sent out shortly.

Mimi Herrington and Kate Van Auken wrote a grant on behalf of the 60 Verso libraries in Michigan to do the necessary changes for NCIP. They received the grant from the Reinhardt Foundation.

We are looking into those libraries that do not have any paperwork indicating that they wish to be part of White Pine. We will discuss this to determine how to proceed.

PA 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act

Lawyers have stated that this act does apply to libraries, especially district libraries. It is the 80/20 split for insurance payments. The tax is being added to the monthly premium – an estimated amount each month.

Cataloging

Susan Pritts, the person who has been teaching our cataloguing classes has agreed to do original cataloguing for White Pine members. Her fees are very reasonable: \$12. if the item is not on OCLC and \$8. if it is.

We are planning a webinar in April on basic cataloguing, with S Pritts. Mideastern, MidMichigan and Woodlands Lib Coops are joining with us. It will originate in Saginaw ISD.

The White Pine server died and had to be replaced. This was not a budgeted item.

Nancy stated that after the COA decision LM can only set public library staff certification requirements. LM can no longer require the number of hours a library must be open or if staff must be full time. Questions on the State Aid report will remain the same to provide information to the Federal Government.

January 24, 2012 presented the Policies workshop in Vassar. 14 people attended.

7 more libraries joined the OverDrive consortium January 1. Four more have asked to begin April 1.

February 6, attended a meeting in Lansing with Carol Wolenschlag, Assistant Superintendent of Education, N. Robertson, representatives from MLA and other CDA members to discuss the role of cooperatives. Bill Schroer presented the results of the cooperative survey.

Still working on personal property tax and how much each library may lose. This tax is going to be eliminated; the timeline is still being worked on. Some say it may be phased in over 4 – 8 years. Others say it will be sooner. Already there is legislation exempting some new industries from the tax. Last week, the Legislature announced that it is ready to start deliberations. However, no specific legislation has been released yet – thought it appears to have been drafted.

The CDA survey on cooperatives is complete. We have the White Pine specific data.

HB5335: officials and school board members would need to cast any official vote in person, not over the phone or through teleconferencing, under legislation that passed the House today, 94-11. HB 5335, sponsored by Rep. Richard LEBLANC D-Westland , would end a practice used by some local communities where members of a board or authority covered under the Open Meetings Act take part in a meeting through a conference call or by video conferencing

Arrangements have been made with Adam Mellema to do a workshop in Saginaw on storytelling and children's services. Wed. 3/14/12.

As part of my duties on the LSTA Ad Committee, I have put together a listing of "new" legislative districts and their libraries and their MelCat usage. I also updated our legislative contact list for the new districts.

Jane and I worked to get the health insurance billings corrected.