

Board report
September, 2012

Finalized speakers for the Annual meeting next month.

Finalized budget for FY13 -- \$.2243 per capita

New population: $421,629 \times \$0.2243 = \$94,579.22$ (annual)
Mileage: $6,639.95 \times \$4.48$ per sq mile = \$29,788.18 (annual)
Total: \$124,367.74

Worked with committee to revise the Plan of Service.

Worked with other Coop. Directors to complete the brochure. The purpose of the brochure is provide information to legislative candidates, legislators, state and local officials, local boards and members as to what the cooperatives are and do – somewhat. It is based on the survey conducted last year. It was printed and distributed.

Continually analyze the OverDrive use and order new titles

August Cooperative meeting was in Charlevoix.

New state-wide discount contracts have been signed and are available. The current information is on our website.

Revised all of the legislative contacts and prepared a mailing list for the upcoming “meet your legislator” days – with per capita spending and return on investment. We will join with each contiguous cooperative to host shared legislators.

Post office and libraries combining.

Karen has been working on a list of performers, requesting feedback from you and putting the information on our website.

HB5598 is now law 780.905, became effective April 1, 2012. It is the Victims’ Rights Act.

PPT: Remember, if you are not a district library, you will have to talk to your “parent agency” to ensure the library does not get left out when reimbursements take place. If the unit’s total reimbursement is under 2%, no reimbursement will be given.

District libraries will be notified because they are taxing agencies. The State rationale is that there are too many agencies / departments to deal with within each community. Figures for FY11/12 are written into the act. That means that they will not increase (reimbursement rates).

Therefore, you may want to renew your millages earlier, if that is an option.

Industrial PPT is eliminated first, then? Commercial.

Renaissance Zone reimbursement: Average 31.8%.

Gretchen Couraud, MLA Director, has resigned. MLA plans to hire an interim director who will do lobbying until it figures out what to do about a permanent director.

LoM is offering E-rate training. Does anyone want to attend? Only 1 person may represent the Cooperative. It will be Tuesday October 30. This is not basic training, is not for beginners.

Thursday October 4, 2012: 20th anniversary of MeL at LoM, from 5 to 7. All are invited.

LM is sending, this fall, an RFP to create a new search method for MeL. It will be based on the “Google” methodology. The search will be on the first page.

Michigan Literacy Plan: Who is participating?

The CDA is working on a state-wide pricing structure for Zinnio. WPLC got a quote, but is now waiting to see what a larger group can achieve. Zinnio: Is there any interest in this?

Librarybiz connect. Has anyone been contacted?