

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes, April 24, 2019

Welcome

Agenda

Kate Van Auken moved, and Erin Schmandt seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Beth Schumacher moved and Amber Hughey seconded to approve the October 10, 2018 Advisory Council minutes. Motion carried.

Director's report

Bryon presented his report. Some topics discussed were: CRASE Presentation (Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events) May 22 at 10:00 am; Mango Language discount for members – if libraries are interested, let Bryon know by the end of May; Rides pricing should be coming out shortly, anticipate 3-5% increase; Census will be online next year; October 9, 2019 is the date for the annual meeting.

The complete director's report can be viewed at:

https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/director_reports/director-report-apr2019.pdf

Old Business:

Joining state-wide Overdrive ILL group

Overdrive is working with Lakeland Cooperative on a state-wide system. TLN is joining currently. This system, which will make titles available to all patrons of participating libraries and may be made available to the White Pine group this fall. Discussion indicated there was an interest. Vicki Mazure moved and Beth Shumaker seconded that the cooperative join the state-wide Overdrive system when it's made available. Motion passed.

New Business:

Literacy in a bag, Pam Williams, Frankenmuth

Pam presented a literacy program being offered to Frankenmuth patrons. Currently they have 15 literacy kits. Some of the topics include: "There's going to be a baby", "Do you want to make a snowman", "Firefighters", and "Let's get cooking". These kits may include, books, games, activities, puzzles, CDs, board books, non-fiction, Easy Readers, DVDs. The kits are enclosed in a bag, which is zip-tied closed. An inventory list with the prices of the contents is included, for loss recoupment. You can see a flyer of the kit at:

<https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/advisory/fkm-lit-kit-flyer.pdf>

Pam also attended the Spring Institute in Bay City and is looking at implementing something similar to Kent District Library's booster packs that work with the new [Third Grade Reading Law](#). The packs will help with development skills: comprehension, phonics, fluency, vocabulary. She plans to meet with the school district's Reading Intervention teachers to help develop the kits. She mentioned that KDL makes their graphics and marketing resources available to libraries.

Report on WPLC Director Search

Ten applications were received and reviewed. It was decided to invite three candidates for interviews. The target date for formal interviews is May 16, 2019.

Discussion

BillieJo Bluemer, Rauchholz Memorial Library, is planning to hold several programs for the next twelve months to help the community understand the need for more space, and will be going for a millage in 2020.

Amber Hughey, Bridgeport Public Library, is adding a teen section.

Brenda Francetic, Merrill District Library, donated a quilt that contained squares dated from 1954 to the Spring Fling auction which raised \$1650.

Kate Van Auken, Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City, hosted author Joe Grimm in February and will be hosting Michael Hodges in May. They will also be skyping with a local astronaut.

Brian Dinwoody, Alma Public Library, will also be hosting author, Michael Hodges on May 10. A "Tail wagers" event was held with 3-4 dogs provided by the Kennel Club in Mt. Pleasant, in which children could sit with the dogs in different areas in the library and read to them. They held an event to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day in November and are considering a D-Day event for June. A successful craft exchange day was held in which 150 people attended.

Erin Schmandt, Caro Area District Library, said that she was able to book author, Elizabeth Berg, to come and speak in August. They have been doing a seed library for 7 years and their seed librarian was awarded a grant, from the Library of Michigan, to go to California for a seed symposium. Erin mentioned it takes several years for the program to develop.

Bryon Sitler stated there are 25 members attending the Small Libraries Big Impact conference next week.

Other

Next meeting date: **August 23, 2019**

MeL eResources Presentation. Liz Breed and Anne Kaskinen from MCLS presented MeL eResources.