

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes, February 12, 2020

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Welcome

Mimi Herrington, the meeting moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:00 and introductions of attendees were made.

Approval of Agenda

Christian Dunham moved, and Nanette Pretzer seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Ruth Steele moved, and Stephanie Olson seconded to approve the December 11, 2019, Advisory Council minutes. Motion carried.

Director's report

Kate presented her report. Some topics discussed were:

RLC Scholarships: \$11,000 was allotted to be used to help pay for the Rural Library Conference. 30 spots have been filled. There is one more spot available. The MI Notable Book tour grants, Census 2020 Librarian's guide; Macmillan embargo is still ongoing; Redistricting application sent out to 250,000 randomly selected individuals.

See the director's report for more details and further explanation:

https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/director_reports/director-report-feb2020.pdf

Old Business:

RBDigital & Overdrive: The pricing that Mark Haley quoted for RBDigital will be honored for one year and orders will be handled by TLN. The 2nd year pricing will be disclosed in January. There is a method to limit patron access and each participant will have their own URL. The TLN RBDigital contract ends April 30, if a library signs up before this, that period is free. Patrons will need to login within 30 days to keep their login access. There are webinars available. It would cost \$2.00 / record to extract from Overdrive. The total cost to do so would be around \$9,000. We currently pay \$12,000 for the Overdrive Platform and it's been lowered to \$8,000 but the group will need to have a minimum purchase. The Overdrive statewide reciprocal lending program is still in testing. The equity firm which is in the process of purchasing Overdrive also owns RBDigital. The White Pine Overdrive group has 43 participants. Jim Flurry sent an email about signing up for RBDigital products. Kate asked that if members sign up, they should contact her, prior to the agreement, so she can verify that the quoted prices are being used. White Pine is currently paying \$200 for each library that purchases RBDigital products, and the library pays the balance. BillieJo Bluemer (Hemlock) mentioned she hasn't been receiving Jim Flurry's emails. Sandy Johnson (Breckenridge) wants to be able to use school IDs in Overdrive rather than issuing patron cards. Glenna Ford (Kingston) say they do this at their library using a free app (Sora).



Overdrive Libby has implemented “Lucky Day”. The checkout period is 7 days. **Lucky Day** allows libraries to designate digital copies of high-demand, waitlisted titles in their collection as immediately available for patrons. Participating libraries' patrons can “skip-the-line” and instantly find, borrow and read these titles on a first-come, first-served basis through the Libby app. Further details can be found at

<https://company.overdrive.com/2019/07/23/its-a-lucky-day-for-public-library-patrons/> A tutorial can be found at

https://training.cdn.overdrive.com/Library/MP/Selecting & Curating Lucky Day Titles.mp4?_ga=2.209590930.1076197207.1581697852-370263229.1578663921

New Business:

Bylaws. Kate sent a revised document of the Bylaws to membership and the Board. Changes in the rotation schedule, which was adjusted to allow for all class size representation on the Board, was discussed. Stephanie Olson moved, and Jeanette Morrish seconded to send the Bylaws, as presented, to the Board for approval.

Building Lease. VLC had notified Kate in October they were looking at possibly selling the building. WPLC leases 2,000 square feet of space, which is no longer needed. White Pine’s lease will expire at the end of September 2020. At the December Board meeting, Kate was asked to look for possible office space east of Saginaw. She found one space in Reese, which needed a lot of renovations. A nice space in Caro is available which is 800 square feet and is across from the courthouse. The owner will hold the space for White Pine until the VLC lease expires. Kate asked the Board if she should see if the VLC would provide an offer based on this quote for new space, and was told to just proceed with the space in Caro. Advisory and Board meetings would be held at member libraries and Zoom meetings will be investigated. The savings in rent would be around \$10,000/year and phone charges would be \$475/year, after the initial purchase of the phone system.

Membership News. Mary Rheame received a \$1600 stipend to attend ALA in Philadelphia and reported on his trip.



Other

Guests:

Debbie Mikula, Executive Director, MLA. Discussed MLA's new strategic plan, statewide advocacy campaign, MLA Scholarship program, the Mackinaw group and their proposed penal fine elimination for public libraries. Although penal fines have been decreasing, they are constitutionally mandated. Amber Hughey moved, and Jeanette Morrish seconded to support the Michigan Senate Bill 611-1. (Library Privacy Act). Debbie asked if members are planning to attend Advocacy Day that they register on MLA's website.

Kyle Wiseman, VOX Books. Kyle discussed Vox Books (Library Ideas) which are read-along books for 3-6 year-old children. The average cost is \$37 and includes an 18-month warranty. There are about 200 titles available in fiction and non-fiction. One charging cord is included for every 5 books ordered. This cord is the micro charging cord used on android phones. Some of the newer books coming in March include QR codes that, if scanned, will take the user to a virtual reality video. If White Pine does a volume order, which is a 50-book minimum, the books will be shipped for free to White Pine.

Next Meeting: April 22 Field Trip to Lansing for Legislative Day! Don't forget to register at mla.org

