

Director's Report August 26, 2020

STATE AID There was good news last week that the deficit may only be \$1.0-\$1.5 billion as opposed to \$3.5 billion. Then the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference met this past Monday on August 24. The new revised deficit is estimated at \$926 million, which is better than originally thought. However, fiscal year 2022 may be a harder year as this year federal funds were used to help with the State's budget.

STAFF UPDATE Sheila is working Tuesday, Wednesday and until noon on Thursday. Jane works from home her 15 hours, and I am in the office M-F from 8-4. If you call the office and get our voicemail, it will go to our email and we will call you back.

QUICKBOOKS We are going to switch our QuickBooks subscription to the online version so I can have access in real time as well as Jane who will continue to do all the bookkeeping.

MCDA (MI Coop Dir Assoc) The letter to Library Board Trustees providing information, showcasing educational opportunities, and highlighting all the resources at LOM will be mailed to each Board Chair by the middle of September. Prior to that mailing, a copy of what is being sent out will be emailed to each Library Director.

CARO OFFICE We have been in our new office for 2 months and have sold a few more items for a total of \$740.00. It cost the coop about \$2,200.00 to move. This included the actual movers and moving, cleaning supplies, a mini fridge, and new furniture. A desk was left in the space, so we were able to find one that matched and purchased that for Sheila. We start to pay rent September 1. Since we did not have to pay rent for July and August, this saved the coop \$3,400.00. Rent in Saginaw was almost \$1,700/mo. and now it is \$500.00, a savings of \$1,200/mo. Insurance will also wind up costing approximately \$600.00 less a year.

PPE COSTS Thirty-seven White Pine members ordered PPE through the coop. The total cost was nearly \$10,000. So grateful you were able to pay for this initial purchase with CARES Act grants for ppe. What does \$10,000 worth of ppe look like?

Masks: 2,450 Sanitizer: 80 gallons Gloves: 25,200 Thermometers: 40

LOM DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS I just wanted to mention that if you haven't been able to attend these zooms on Friday afternoons, there is a great google document that has notes, information, and links to all sorts of topics and issues that this pandemic has brought our way. <https://tinyurl.com/MILibDirMeetingNotes>.

ONLINE BOOK CLUB We did not have enough interest for the Online Book Club. Perhaps later we can pursue if members are interested and when there is more of a track record with Library Ideas.

NEW VOX BOOKS As we have done in the past, if libraries are interested in ordering, minimum is 50 books (group purchase), \$3.00 discount on each book, and free shipping. Since we do not have delivery any longer, we could still have them delivered to our office and we could work

out pick up or delivery. I will send out the listing and If you can let me know ASAP if you are interested, we can see if we have enough to get the discount and free shipping.

DIAL-A-STORY I sent this information with last week's update. The cost is \$1275 for the first year and \$900/ yr. after. If this is something members are interested in let me now ASAP so we can see if there is interest and I may be able to get a better discount.

MCLS WEBINAR THIS FRIDAY at 11 am MCLS will be hosting a webinar/dialog regarding staff morale during COVID. Part support group, part visioning, let's share our thoughts and ideas as we navigate the environment, we find ourselves working in right now and look towards the future. Join us this week, Friday, August 28 at 11:00 am EDT (10:00 am CDT) on Zoom. [Please login using this link for the Virtual Dialogue.](#)

LIBRARY VISITS I have 10 more libraries to visit and my hope is to visit in person...one day. The last thing you need now is me showing up! I have contacted the 10 libraries and am hoping they will send a headshot so they can be added to the Member Directory.

LEGISLATORS I attended a gathering at a local park for a Senator who has libraries in his district. Please let me know when you legislators are holding virtual or in person gatherings. I will make every attempt to attend.

ANNUAL MEETING Since we cannot meet in person, I am in the process of scheduling at least three zoom webinar programs. I currently have October 14 and 21 set at 10 am. I am waiting to hear back from one more person to fill the October 7 slot. Each of these will last approximately 1 – 1 ½ hours with time for Q&A after. The 28th is the beginning of the MLA conference so I did not want to schedule anything that day. Since this will be virtual, there will be no cost to members, but you will need to register because there will be prizes! Once I have everything set, I will let you know.