

# WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING

Minutes, April 28, 2021

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## Welcome

Kate Van Auken, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m via Zoom. There were 38 attendees in the Zoom meeting.

## Presentation

Laurie Messing and Lisa Treiber, MSU Extension educators, discussed the programs offered by the MSU Extension. Here are some items presented

MSU Extension Food Safety website: [www.canr.msu.edu/safe\\_food\\_water/index](http://www.canr.msu.edu/safe_food_water/index)

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- Laurie Messing-Covering Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola-[lmessing@msu.edu](mailto:lmessing@msu.edu)
- Lisa Treiber-Covering Saginaw-[treiber@msu.edu](mailto:treiber@msu.edu)

## Approval of Agenda

John Sheridan moved, and Barb Butch seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

## Approval of Minutes

Pam Williams moved, and Jeanette Morrish seconded to approve the February 24, 2021 Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

## Director's report

Kate presented her report. Some topics discussed were: State Aid payments, LOM Niche Academy, Overdrive eMagazines, Easy Breezy Chart of Accounts workshop. Kate would like to know by next Wednesday, May 5, if libraries are interested in a group purchase of Vox Books & Wonderbooks. MLA Call to Action on a bill that eliminates the May and August elections and replaces them with a June election passed the house with a vote of 63-46.

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

[https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/director\\_reports/director-report-apr2021.pdf](https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/director_reports/director-report-apr2021.pdf)



## Old Business:

**Plan of Service:** The Library of Michigan approved the Plan of Service. Since the plan has to be done yearly, and this one expires in September, Kate will be sending out another survey in a couple of months.

## New Business:

**Surviving and Thriving as a New Library Director:** Ruth Steele, Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City, attended 4 online sessions and had a one-on-one session with Maxine Bleiweis. Some of the topics in the sessions were: coaching and supporting staff, personnel issues, managing boards, spotting new trends, understanding your strengths and weaknesses. She highly recommends the program for new directors. The cost for an MLA Member is \$875, non-Member, \$975 but scholarships are available. <https://www.milibraries.org/surviving-and-thriving-as-a-library-director>

### **Summer Reading – What are you doing?**

Some of the responses were: Wondoo Reader, Outdoor storytimes, resume a quasi-normal SR program with an emphasis on outdoor programming, use a city park pavilion, weekly outdoor storytime the Farmer's Market, Take and Make kits, Reading Challenge Charts for all ages to be turned in for prizes, reading dog and bunny by appointment in the library, book give away at Family Fun Days at the Farmers Market, Summer Surprise activities outside the library, goodie bags along with reading logs, which can be returned for entry into a drawing, scavenger hunt around town, some online games, virtual storytime, Story Walk on a community walking trail, some Kohls Care Stuffies as prizes.

### **Public Comments/Membership News:**

Stephanie Olson talked about the controlled burn in Iosco County that got out of control and burnt thousands of acres. A command center was set up at the East Tawas Community Center. The internet at the Community Center was insufficient so John, Iosco-Arenac District Library's IT Manager, provided his expertise to set up a better option for handling the internet needs of the fire fighting personnel.

Ruth Steele, Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City told how a couple that loved the library wanted to do something for the library. After the passing of the husband, Frank, his wife provided funds for Solar Panels to be installed on the library's roof. The panels are installed but electrical work needs to be completed.

Sarah Rick, Millington District Library will begin weekly outdoor storytimes beginning next Wednesday.

Merrill District Library received a donation for a new electronic sign.

Nanette asked if any libraries are installing air purifiers. Erin Schmandt, Caro, ordered the free Air Filtration Kits, offered by Ford. <https://ppe.ford.com>

**Next Meeting:** June 23, 2021, location TBD

