

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Draft Minutes, August 25, 2021

Welcome

The meeting was held at the St. Charles District Library. Ruth Steele, Rawson Memorial Library, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. There were 25 attendees at the first in-person meeting since February 2020.

Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves by stating their name, library, city and one thing they enjoyed doing.

Approval of Agenda

Nannette Pretzer moved, and Stephanie Olson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes

Lynne Clark moved, and Sara Morrison seconded to approve the April 28, 2021 Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

Director's report

Kate presented her report. Some topics discussed were: State Aid and census numbers; Kate's visits to member libraries; the ARPA and Hope grants. MyLIBRO app webinar on Tuesday, August 31; Michigan Legal Self-Help Centers pros and cons; MLA and White Pine's annual meetings; Overdrive and Advantage Plus accounts. See the director's report for more details and further explanation:

https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/director_reports/director-report-aug2021.pdf

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

Proposed Budget 2021-2022

Salaries include the payout money for Jane and Sheila's retirement. Delivery and Bookpage pricing will be increasing. Erin Schmandt moved, and Stephanie Olson seconded to send the Proposed Budget 2021-2022 to the Board. The motion was carried.

Proposed Plan of Service 2021-2022

The plan was discussed. The only change was in section 9, Services. The services were adjusted to be in order of what is most important to membership. The plan needs to be submitted to the Library of Michigan before October 1, 2021. Nannette Pretzer moved, and Jeanette Morrish seconded to send the Draft Plan of Service to the Board. The motion was carried.



Public Comments/Membership News:

There was discussion on helping the public register for vaccines, which required an email address. Many older people do not have an email address. Stephanie Olson had 3 or 4 community members assist with their registration assistance. John Sheridan, West Branch, had a Summer Reading Program Adult segment, which went very well. Tiffany Fiting, Merrill, mentioned this year was the 1st time high schoolers attended SRP. The Whippy Dip in Merrill provided gift certificates for the Merrill SRP. Amy Beckman, Millington, had 14 teens sign up for SRP this year. Sundy Ostrander, Breckenridge Library was awarded \$16,000 from the Gratiot County Community Foundation to upgrade their network connection. BillieJo Bluemer, Hemlock, held 9 weeks of 3-day mini-camps. A chess group is being formed as a result of chess playing at the mini-camps. Christian Dunham, Vassar, had one the highest turnouts for their SRP this year. There was discussion of e-magazine searching/printing on Overdrive. TJ said she has lots of users for the crafting magazines but they can't print patterns like they could with RB Digital. The font is really small and can't be adjusted. There's also an issues with title search results. Sara Morrison, St. Johns, mentioned their usage is up for e-magazines and Pam Williams said her patrons love it.

Next Meeting: To Be Determined at the October 6, 2021 board meeting.

