

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING

Minutes, February 24, 2021

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Welcome

Kate Van Auken, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. There were 35 attendees in the Zoom meeting.

Introductions

Kate welcomed Sarah Rick, Director Millington Arbela District Library, and Nicole Markel and Jessica Rivett, Co-Directors, Sandusky District Library.

Approval of Agenda

John Clextton moved, and Ruth Steele seconded to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Amber Hughey moved, and Jeanette Morrish seconded to approve the December 9, 2020, Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

Director's Report

Kate presented her report. Some topics discussed were: Amending the 2020-2021 budget, meeting with new legislators facilitated by MLA, SORA-the Overdrive app for schools so they can access a public library's digital collection, interest in Amazon Prime for members, and Connecting Michigan-the statewide initiative to gather data about internet access and broadband speeds.

See the director's report for more details and further explanation: https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/director_reports/director-report-feb2021.pdf

Old Business:

Plan of Service: No feedback yet from the Library of Michigan.

Trustee letter from the Cooperative: There were mixed reviews from members if the letter and trustee information sent to their Board Chair was helpful or not.

New Business:

Members can record their interest in these four services at this Google doc.

<http://bit.ly/3qVoSu6>

- 1) **BookPage:** Kate proposed that the Cooperative pay for the annual subscription of \$3,240.00 for 1,000 copies of the publication. St. Charles has offered to help bundle and ship them out. Other libraries offered as well. Each library would get 20 copies/month, but if additional or fewer copies are wanted, that information should be recorded in the Google doc.
- 2) **Brainfuse:** If a member was interested, they need to let Kate know by March 1.



3) **HW Wilson:** If a member is interested, they need to let Kate know by March 1.

4) **Amazon Prime discount.** More information will be available soon.

OverDrive:

Duke Classics: If the price stays at \$0.00, the Cooperative will renew this collection.

eMagazines: Kate proposed that White Pine pay the \$17,500 for the emagazine collection for this first year to see how it circulates now that they are accessible via OverDrive.

Committee: Kate wondered if there would be interest in a committee to do the content selections for OverDrive. Some were in favor, others felt things were fine as they are. This could be a potential Agenda item for an upcoming Advisory Council meeting.

Public Comments/Membership News: Sarah Rick talked about upcoming programming including cartooning and office yoga at Millington. Pam Williams at Frankenmuth mentioned some zoom programming including birding and a cooking class for preschool kids and family. Lots of early learning kits going out, too. John Clexton, Lynne Clarke, and Stephanie Olson are upgrading their fiber connections as well as new wireless access points for exterior use for Iosco/Arenac branches. Stephanie also shared she will be retiring in December after 25 years! Charlie Mitchell from Brown City talked about the opening of their new facility. John Clexton also mentioned he is running for ALA Counselor-At-Large. If you are an ALA member, please consider voting for John!

Next Meeting: April 28, 2021 place TBD

