

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes, April 26, 2023

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Welcome

The meeting was held at Beaverton Branch Library in Beaverton, MI. Ruth Steele called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. There were 15 attendees at the meeting and 12 attending via Zoom.

Introductions

Ruth Steele asked attendees to introduce themselves by stating their names, their library, and whether they were a cat person, a dog person, or another type of animal lover!

Approval of Agenda

Jeanette Morrish moved, and Amber Hughey seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes

Erin Schmändt moved, and Jeanette Morrish seconded to approve the March 1st, 2023 Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

Director's report

Kate Van Auken presented her report. Topics included upcoming Library of Michigan Trustee Trainings; board training at Briggs District Library and Bridgeport Public Library; Mango Languages webinars; updates to Overdrive Reciprocal Lending; OverDrive and "Your Library" contact information; upcoming Book Challenges Workshop; MeL Databases updates; RIDES delivery; MAP Overhaul; WPLC's Programming Google Doc; resources for curating library policies. See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation: https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/director_reports/director-report-apr2023.pdf

Office Manager's report

Alison Blattner presented her report. Some topics included Interlibrary Loan (ILL) manuals and webinars; MARC record request updates; issues with the WPLC and Peabody websites; WPLC policy manual updates. See the Office Manager's Report for more details and further explanation: https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/office_report/office-report-apr2023.pdf

Old Business

Hoopla Proposal

Following the two planning sessions with interested members and our Hoopla contact, a framework was established to create a stipend for WPLC members who wish to offer Hoopla to their patrons. WPLC would pay a stipend to Hoopla to credit to WPLC members' accounts, and a portion of that credit would come off bills to a member's account. WPLC would have no control over each location's account, logins, items offered, etc. The WPLC Board would be voting on the matter during their meeting following Advisory Council.



John Clextton (Gladwin County District Library) inquired about the expected timeline that the program could be implemented. Kate stated that plans could be put into motion as soon as the week following the meeting. John also asked if there was a benefit to more people joining WPLC's Hoopla option, and Kate advised that there wasn't.

Sarah Rick (Millington Arbela District Library) asked if there was a deadline to apply for the stipend; Kate answered that there is no hard deadline to benefit from the stipend program.

Multiple members expressed their approval of the option and offered comments that a stipend would help their location and offer a streaming option as physical media use continues to decline.

New Business

There was no new business.

Public Comments/Membership News:

There was no public comment or member news shared.

Michigan High-Speed Internet Office (MIHI) Community Input

Kate and Alison led a community workshop designed by MIHI to collect community feedback about broadband access in Michigan and its impact on library patrons. Barriers to access were discussed amongst those online and in person and ranked from most to least impactful. Accessibility and affordability were the two major barriers reported by library directors in WPLC's service area. Results from the workshop will be mailed back to the MIHI office to help develop their BEAD and DEA action plans.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is set for June 28, 2023, location TBD

Other Important Dates:

