

# WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes, August 23, 2023**

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## **Welcome**

The meeting was held at Howe Memorial Library in Breckenridge, MI. Ruth Steele called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. There were 25 attendees at the meeting and 11 attending via Zoom.

## **Introductions**

Ruth Steele asked attendees to introduce themselves by sharing their names, their library, and something exciting from the summer months.

## **Approval of Agenda**

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

## **Approval of Minutes**

Jeanette Morrish moved, and Marty Rheame seconded to approve the June 28, 2023, Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

## **Director's report**

Kate Van Auken presented her report. Topics included a new initiative launched by MDHHS; news about Michigan HB 4817 and the Open Meetings Act; OverDrive and RLA updates; training for new WPLC Board members; White Pine's policy book; the 2023 WPLC Annual Meeting; new directors in WPLC; WPLC's 2023 mini-grants; library association membership reimbursement. See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation: [https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/director\\_reports/director-report-aug2023.pdf](https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/director_reports/director-report-aug2023.pdf)

## **Office Manager's report**

Alison Blattner presented her report. Some topics included Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and Peabody updates; MARC record requests; accessibility updates to the WPLC website; the WPLC policy manual; and the WPLC Event calendar. See the Office Manager's Report for more details and further explanation: [https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/office\\_report/office-report-aug2023.pdf](https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/office_report/office-report-aug2023.pdf)

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

### **Draft Plan of Service**

The draft Plan of Service was sent to members ahead of the meeting for review. Jessica Little, Theodore A. Cutler Memorial Library, asked if there had been any major changes from prior years. Kate Van Auken reported that the biggest change was re-ordering the cooperative's priorities based



on the poll sent out to members during the summer. Jeanette Morrish moved, and Marty Rheaume seconded to send the Plan of Service to the WPLC Board for approval. The motion was carried.

### **Draft 2023-2024 Budget**

The draft budget for 2023-2024 was sent to members ahead of the meeting for review. The expense budget increase reflects the new programs offered by WPLC to members, rising prices, and new equipment for the year ahead. Nannette Pretzer moved and Ruth Steele seconded to send the draft budget for 2023-2024 to the WPLC Board for approval. The motion was carried.

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

Kate Van Auken shared the news that had been sent out on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in a weekly update regarding the Michigan Elevator Code. New rules are in effect as of June 2023, but most changes for EXISTING elevators will not take effect until January 2025. See Kate's Weekly Update email from that date for more information.

Sarah Rick, Millington Arbela District Library, shared that the library received an LSTA grant to help expand its early literacy programs.

Ruth Steele, Rawson Memorial District Library, had questions for other members regarding storytime events at their libraries. Members reported having storytime once or twice a week, and some divided children into age groups.

Ann Trierweiler, Elsie Public Library, shared that her work with the Lansing Food Bank has been an ongoing success for the Elsie community. Since people have been coming to the library for food, there has been an increase in patrons and library card holders. Food is typically claimed within hours of the announcement.

BillieJo Bluemer, Rauchholz Memorial Library, discussed the 'Beyond Book Bans' presentation held in August and shared that one of her board members had been able to attend. He reported thinking before the presentation that he was already prepared for a material challenge, but afterward, he shared that he'd learned much from the webinar.

### **Telehealth Broadband Pilot Program**

John Jervinsky, Manager of Telehealth Programs at Central Michigan University, was scheduled to speak to WPLC members about the Telehealth Broadband Pilot Program offered by CMU, however, he did not attend.

**Next Meeting:** WPLC's Annual Meeting is set for October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at [Trillium Banquet Center](#), 6415 State Street, Saginaw, MI 48603 (989-790-2345). A remote option will **NOT** be available for this event. Tickets are \$25, and registration will open September 5<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Library staff are encouraged to attend.

**Other Important Dates:** October 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>: MLA 2023 Annual Conference: Connecting the Dots, Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center, 100 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

