

# WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes, December 7, 2022**

Approved March 1, 2023

## **Welcome**

The meeting was held at Bullard Sanford Memorial Library. Ruth Steele called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. There were 21 attendees at the meeting and 10 attending via Zoom.

## **Introductions**

Ruth Steele asked attendees to introduce themselves by stating their name, library, and favorite holiday dish or dessert.

## **Approval of Agenda**

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

## **Approval of Minutes**

Jeanette Morrish moved, and Jessica Little seconded to approve the October 5th, 2022, Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

## **Director's report**

Kate presented her report. Topics included RIDES Delivery invoicing and surcharges; Michigan Gardeners Magazine subscriptions; Swank Movie Licensing; VOX Books ordering; minimum wage increasing; Summer Reading Program brainstorming sessions; programming suggestions spreadsheet; library policies; WPLC's Library Association Reimbursement Program; TechSparks 2022; #HumanofMILibraries campaign; state aid reports. See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation: [https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/director\\_reports/director-report-dec2022.pdf](https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/director_reports/director-report-dec2022.pdf)

## **Office Manager's report**

Alison Blattner presented her report. Some topics included Interlibrary Loan (ILL) procedure and policy manuals; MARC record request stats; MLA 2022 Conference; TechSparks 2022 wrap-up; approval of the WPLC Personnel Manual; calls for events to add to the WPLC Calendar; calls for updates to the Member Directory (particularly if your ILL contact has changed in the past year). See the Office Manager's Report for more details and further explanation: [https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/office\\_report/office-report-dec2022.pdf](https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/office_report/office-report-dec2022.pdf)

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

### **February 2023 Meeting Date Conflicts**

The scheduled date for Advisory and Board meetings in February 2023 (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) conflicts with Ash Wednesday. To avoid scheduling issues, it was proposed to move the meeting either a



week earlier or later. Discussion was had about preferences, and it was decided to move the February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 meeting to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The location is still TBD.

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

Charlie Mitchell shared that Brown City Public Library has officially become a district library. He and the team leading this transition are seeking advice from any other members who have recently navigated the process.

Jeanette Morrish, Fleschner Memorial Library, inquired about the possibility of a summer library passport program wherein patrons could collect stamps from different WPLC libraries as they travel the state. Jenn Donner, Iosco-Arenac District Library, shared that her branches had done a similar program amongst themselves recently and would be able to share their experience running a similar event.

Jeanette Leathorn, Ogemaw District Library, shared that her location had set up active shooter training during their November staff meeting, and it was a great success. She suggested that other libraries reach out to their public safety contacts and consider doing the same.

Vicki Mazure, Harbor Beach Area District Library, shared that their location has officially opened a fitness center and membership program for the public. She shared that the service was one that the community had asked for and that their unique building provided the opportunity to fill that need.

Amy Beckman, Millington Arbella District Library, shared a community event that they've had great success with. During Christmas in the Village, two therapy dogs came to visit the location and visit with families. Over 400 people attend the event.

Jenn Donner offered a programming recommendation that was well received by their community. The presenter offered information about UFOs and related events covered in a recent episode of Netflix's Unsolved Mysteries. She offered to provide the contact information for the presenter to anyone interested in having them visit their location.

Erin Schmandt, Caro Area District Library, shared the turnout of her location's recent Board elections and expressed optimism about the results.

Lorrie Taylor, Alma Public Library, had a great turnout for a holiday photo event that they held. They had 176 families sign up for 175 slots with a professional photographer for a free picture with Santa. In total, approximately 400 people attended which included many new faces.

### **Other**

#### **HealthiestYou Health Care Services**

Rick Labian, Full Benefit Consulting Client Management, National Insurance Services (NIS), described the HealthiestYou Health Care Services available to Michigan libraries. The cost is approximately \$16 a month per employee, and Michigan Library Association (MLA) members can join at a reduced rate of \$12.75/month (spouses and dependents included). Additional information is available for viewing on [the MLA website](https://www.facebook.com/whitepinelibrarycoop/), and Rick can be contacted for additional information.

- [Presentation Deck](#)



- [Sample Utilization Report](#)
- [MLA Member Packet](#)
- [New Group Set-Up Form](#)

### **Outreach Services**

Erin Schmandt attended the 2022 Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. Caro Area District Library recently had a custom golf cart bookmobile made, but Erin also noted how useful the sessions were even if a library didn't own one. The conversations had with other attendees who experience challenges rural libraries face were incredibly beneficial. The Library of Michigan provided a stipend that allowed her to make the trip, and she reported that the experience was overwhelmingly positive. The 2023 conference is set to be in Hershey, PA, and Erin recommended that anyone interested look into it.

### **MLA Annual Conference Insights**

Briynne McCrea, Bad Axe Area District Library, shared her experience at the MLA 2022 Annual Conference in Port Huron. The keynote presentation from the founders of The Civility Project discussed how to communicate with people you may not agree with, and their presentation stood out to her as being particularly excellent. She also attended a breakout session about the Transformation of the Flint Public Library. The story shared by their director was a masterclass on managing the challenges that public libraries have to face and inspired many attendees.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is set for March 1st, 2023, location TBD.

