

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes, April 24, 2024

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Welcome

The meeting was held at Charles A. Amble Library in Harrison, MI. Kate Van Auken called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. There were 20 attendees at the meeting, and 12 attending via Zoom.

Introductions

Kate asked attendees to introduce themselves by sharing their names, their library, and something exciting that they're looking forward to this spring.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Jeanette Morrish moved, and John Clextion seconded to approve the February 28, 2024, Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

Director's report

Kate Van Auken presented her report. Topics included new WPLC directors; PLA; MLA Advocacy Day; OverDrive Advantage Webinar; additional funds for OverDrive holds; Michelle Bradley, LOM Library Development Manager; VOX book order; Hoopla; Blackstone Unlimited Audio; Tutor.com; upcoming Director review. See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation: https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/director_reports/director-report-apr2024.pdf

Office Manager's report

Alison Blattner presented her report. Some topics included Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and Peabody updates; issues with OCLC record exports; copy cataloging requests; original cataloging requests; and accessibility resources on the WPLC website. See the Office Manager's Report for more details and further explanation: https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/office_report/office-report-apr2024.pdf

Old Business

OverDrive Increase

Forty WPLC member libraries answered a recent survey regarding a potential increase in yearly OverDrive billing. The information provided by members about their Advantage Account habits illuminated a need for more training on how to manage and best utilize an Advantage Account. Additionally, a large majority of members were in favor of an increase to yearly OverDrive fees to increase the WPLC purchasing budget. The WPLC Board was set to vote on the matter following the Ad Council.



New Business

PLA Recap – Erin Schmandt, Caro Area District Library

Erin Schmandt gave a recap of her recent trip to the 2024 Public Library Association Conference. She discussed how while some sessions were less helpful for smaller libraries, others were scalable and presented interesting ideas. Some of her favorite sessions included 1.) discussing services for adults with intellectual disabilities, 2.) religious classification in Dewey, and 3.) Read Romance & Smash the Patriarchy.

Public Comments/Membership News:

BillieJo Bluemer, Rauchholz Memorial Library, spoke about an ongoing expansion project at her library. Drafts for the expansion are underway, and she is focusing on balancing the need for programming space against the need for shelving the library's collection. She also recently obtained an IEEE grant that will allow the library to purchase some great scientific items for the library like microscopes and a model of the human body's inner workings.

Christian Dunham, Bullard Sanford Memorial Library, announced that his library had just switched to a new catalog, Biblionics' Apollo. The switch had gone live the day prior and appeared to be going smoothly. The library is excited about the new possibilities this opens up for their collection.

John Clextan, Gladwin County District Library, reminded members about the Association for Rural and Small Libraries and how it has been helpful throughout his involvement with the organization. The Library of Michigan education fund is available to help with costs should anyone wish to attend the upcoming ARSL conference in Springfield, MA from September 11-14, 2024.

Terri Robins, Disability Network of Mid-Michigan

Terri Robins spoke to members about services and programs offered by the Disability Network of Mid-Michigan. She explained how Michigan is broken up into different service areas and how each area focuses on the unique needs of their communities. Outreach is a key component of their work, and Terri also mentioned the important partnerships that had been formed in the past between the organization and local libraries and schools in their communities.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on June 26, 2024, at Harbor Beach Area District Library, 105 N. Huron Ave., Harbor Beach, MI 48441.

