

# WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes, August 28, 2024**

Approved December 4, 2024

## **Welcome**

The meeting was held at Caro Area District Library in Caro, MI. Kate Van Auken called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. There were 26 attendees at the meeting, and 12 attending via Zoom.

## **Introductions**

Ruth Steele, Rawson Memorial District Library, welcomed attendees to the meeting, inviting them to share their name, library, and a 'Yay' or 'Nay' happening from their Summer Reading Program.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Jessica Little moved, and Vicki Mazure seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Erin Schmandt moved, and Amber Hughey seconded to approve the June 26, 2024, Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

## **Director's report**

Kate Van Auken presented her report. Topics included volunteers for future Advisory Council Meetings; grants and library association reimbursements; new WPLC reimbursable services program; pre-conference and MLA; LCM retreat; visits to member libraries; The Palace Project; LOM Yearbook Projects; WPLC Annual Meeting; library policies. See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation: [https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/director\\_reports/director-report-aug2024.pdf](https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/director_reports/director-report-aug2024.pdf)

## **Office Manager's report**

Alison Blattner presented her report. Some topics included Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and Peabody updates; copy cataloging requests; original cataloging requests; digitization; WPLC Procedures manual. See the Office Manager's Report for more details and further explanation: [https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/office\\_report/office-report-aug2024.pdf](https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/office_report/office-report-aug2024.pdf)

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

### **Budget 2024 - 2025**

Kate Van Auken discussed WPLC's budget for the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year. Discussion was had about topics including the \$30K increase to state aid and the revamped member reimbursement program proposed to help with technology, accessibility, legal, and program costs.



Michelle Duclos moved, and Amber Hughey seconded to send the proposed 2024 – 2025 budget to the WPLC Board for approval. The motion was carried.

### **Plan of Service 2024 – 2025**

Results from the Plan of Service survey for 2024 – 2025 were discussed. Priorities amongst member libraries varied slightly in their rating of importance compared to the previous year but remained largely the same.

Michelle Duclos moved, and Erin Schmandt seconded to send the Plan of Service 2024 – 2025 to the WPLC Board for approval. The motion was carried.

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

Briynne McCrea, Bad Axe Area District Library, shared updates to recent renovation projects including a LEO grant that helped tremendously toward putting in a new roof for the library.

Michelle Duclos, Frankenmuth Wickson District Library, shared her experience with the Comics Plus platform. The service has been a great opportunity for the library to supplement its limited physical graphic novels/manga collection.

Sarah Rick, Millington Arbela District Library, shared that Assistant Director Amy Beckman hosted a successful pickling program for patrons. Additionally, Sarah announced that her last day with the library would be Friday, and she would be moving on to become the director at the Bath Township Public Library.

Ann Trierweiler, Elsie Public Library, discussed a recent grant from the American Heart Association that has allowed the library to circulate blood pressure cuff kits to patrons. Patrons can now check them out for use and use the information during discussions with their doctor.

Amber Hughey, Bridgeport Public Library, discussed a successful program that she and her children had been able to offer showcasing snakes of many different varieties. They are willing to travel and educate patrons about the creatures they raise.

Kathleen Naegele, Taymouth Township Library, and Jeanette Morrish, Fleschner Memorial Library, discussed a grant received by their libraries for sensory and literacy support, making a new range of support materials available to patrons.

Lorrie Taylor, Alma Public Library, reported that the children's shelving in her library was just replaced. The updates have greatly improved the appearance and usability.

### **Marty Rheume, Aitkin Memorial District Library, Canva for Beginners**

Marty Rheume, Director at the Aitkin Memorial District Library, presented an overview of the free version of the Canva website. Attendees were invited to bring their own laptops and follow along as a flyer was created for the upcoming WPLC 2024 Annual Meeting. Marty covered concepts such as



font choice, layering, color selection, and grouping to help members use the website's tools more effectively.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on October 2, 2024, at Trillium Banquet Center, 6415 State Street Street, Saginaw, MI 48603.



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