

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes, December 6, 2023

Approved February 28, 2024

Welcome

The meeting was held at Pigeon District Library in Pigeon, MI. Erin Schmandt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. There were 21 attendees at the meeting and 14 attending via Zoom.

Introductions

Erin Schmandt asked attendees to introduce themselves by sharing their names and their library.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Nicole Markel moved, and Marty Rheame seconded to approve the August 23, 2023, Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

Director's report

Kate Van Auken presented her report. Topics included new WPLC directors; WPLC new Board member orientation; the 2023 annual meeting; recent OMA & Parliamentary Procedures program; BookPage; the 2022 – 2023 WPLC audit; State Aid; WPLC policies; digitization of WPLC records; SRP brainstorming; OverDrive diversity analysis; Baker & Taylor diversity analysis; MLA; WPLC programming doc; library policies. See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation: https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/director_reports/director-report-dec2023.pdf

Office Manager's report

Alison Blattner presented her report. Some topics included Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and Peabody updates; MARC record requests; original cataloging through WPLC; the WPLC website & event calendar. See the Office Manager's Report for more details and further explanation: https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/office_report/office-report-dec2023.pdf

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Original Cataloging through White Pine

Starting January 1st, Alison Blattner will now be available to provide original cataloging services to member libraries for no additional charge. The previous agreement with Susan Pritts to provide original records will be replaced with this new service. Procedures and guidelines are available to view on the WPLC website at this time: <https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/documents/original-cataloging-procedures-2023.pdf>



Public Comments/Membership News:

Marty Rheame shared that he was inspired by a “Winter Reading Challenge” that was shared in Michlib-1, and they are now adopting a similar program at Aitkin Memorial District Library. Amber Hughey, Bridgeport Public Library, shared that their *Cabin Fever Frenzy* program is similar and has been successful for many years.

Beth Schumacher announced that Moore Public Library has broken ground in their addition/renovation project. Completion is estimated to be in June 2024.

Amber Hughey also discussed Think Space starting in Grand Rapids this week. Five WPLC directors will be attending this cycle to discuss the future of libraries and artificial intelligence.

Christian Dunham, Bullard Sanford Memorial Library, shared that additional parking space was procured after purchasing a neighboring lot. A new fence was also recently installed and greatly improved the appearance of the surrounding grounds.

BillieJoe Bluemer, Rauchholz Memorial Library, also announced that a potential addition is being talked about at her library.

Rec-Connect

Tracy Robinson and Barb Knight spoke to attendees about the [Rec-Connect](#) program. The program is funded through a SNAP-Ed grant and is held by several ISDs within the WPLC service area. The program has partnered with Sleeper Public Library and Harbor Beach Area District Library in the past to increase physical activity and well-being for communities in need. Those interested in bringing a similar program to their library should check with their ISD for additional information. If they do not hold the SNAP-Ed grant, Tracy advised attendees to reach out to her for other potential contacts.

WPLC.org

Alison Blattner gave a brief tour of the WPLC website, recent updates, and the resources available for directors, staff, and trustees. Frequent use sections such as the **Calendar** and **Resource** tabs were highlighted along with several larger subsections found under the latter.

[Accessibility Resources](#)

[Intellectual Freedom Resources](#)

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on February 28, 2024, location TBD.

