

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes, June 26, 2024

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Welcome

The meeting was held at Harbor Beach Area District Library in Harbor Beach, MI. Kate Van Auken called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. There were 15 attendees at the meeting, and 11 attending via Zoom.

Introductions

Kate welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Sara Morrison moved, and Lisa DiCamillo seconded to approve the April 24, 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; cloud Library; grants and library association reimbursements; the WPLC Calendar page; MLA mailing address change; MLA pre-conference; VOX books orders; WPLC's 2024 – 2025 Plan of Service. See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation: https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/director_reports/director-report-june2024.pdf

Office Manager's report

Alison Blattner presented her report. Some topics included Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and Peabody updates; WorldShare Record Manager issue resolution; copy cataloging requests; original cataloging requests; digitization; creation of a dedicated 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-june2024.pdf

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Think Space Recap

Three directors from WPLC received a scholarship to attend MLA Think Space 2023 – 2024. They each shared a recap of their experience.

Michelle Duclos, Frankenmuth Wickson District Library, found great value in the chance to meet directors and connect with them. Discussions about Michigan's aging population were particularly



relevant for the district her library serves, and she took a lot away from sessions about utilizing the space and staff of her library to better serve the community.

Sara Morrison, Briggs District Library, also found great use in the discussions about aging, economic prospects, and opportunities for Millennial and Gen Z Michiganders. A session about succession planning was also important given the restrictions on upward movement in library spaces without a library degree.

Vicki Mazure, Harbor Beach Area District Library, reported that the discussions had about AI left her feeling less worried about its potential impact given that it will be some time before we know how the technology will impact society and the library profession. She also really enjoyed the chance to connect more personally with directors, particularly in more casual spaces that allowed directors to feel able to speak openly about their struggles.

Public Comments/Membership News:

Discussion was had about the “Ensuring Digital Accessibility” webinar held by LCM and Foster Swift on Tuesday, June 25th. Attendees reported getting useful information from the webinar.

Tessa Sullivan, Amazon Prime – What is new?

Tessa Sullivan, Amazon, spoke to members about new developments with the Amazon Prime for Business plan negotiated by TLN. She and her colleague, Brennan Ryan, spoke about updates to the “Your Business Account” section, best practices for navigating the interface, and some of the savings available to participants. Additionally, Brennan discussed new discounts on 2,500 book titles and the opportunity to negotiate prices for titles purchased in bulk (such as for book club). The “Books Only Voucher” feature was also demonstrated to show its potential use for book giveaways, literacy programs, or prizes.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on August 28, 2024, at Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank Street, Caro, MI 48723.

