

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes, August 13, 2008

Welcome: Rose Rice Gutierrez welcomed those present.

Minutes: Jim Rancilio moved to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2008 Advisory Council Meeting. Stephanie Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Bryon Sitler reported that:

- Letters of withdrawal for the three libraries and a board resolution accepting their withdrawal was sent to the Library of Michigan.
- The Plan of Service, Board By-Laws and the Long Range Plan are being revised.
- Possibilities for the future of Cooperative's are being explored. Cooperative Director's are looking at other states for ideas.
- Candidates in the upcoming election will be invited to the September 10th Advisory Council Meeting. They will be asked to answer questions concerning intellectual freedom, state and local funding issues for public libraries and broadband availability among others. So far Garnet Lewis has confirmed that she will be there.
- The 2009 Rural Libraries Conference will be held April 29-May 1, 2009 at the Grand Traverse Resort. Bryon will do a program on Policies and the Library.
- White Pine will host a trustee's workshop on September 20th from 10:00-1:00 pm. John Chambers will do a presentation on Budgets and Madeline Adie will speak on Personnel.
- The Customer Service workshop that was offered live on location and via the web went well. People can still take the workshop online through October 7, 2008. White Pine will do another in the near future.

PR Campaign: Representatives from Houser and Hennessee reported on the PR campaign for libraries. Ideas include posters, TV advertisements, co-sponsors and a web site that would map to member libraries and their events. The PR Committee will meet again and make final recommendations.

Budget: Different budget scenarios for next year were reviewed. It was recommended that the \$29,000.00 grant be eliminated and that \$2,000.00 be added to Continuing Education. White Pine would also have to take monies from the fund balance to balance the budget.

Stephanie Olson moved to recommend to the board to adopt the \$387,448.86 for FY 2008-2009 with the above changes. Jim Rancilio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Plan of Service Committee: Current committee members are Rose Rice Gutierrez, Stephanie Olson and Mimi Herrington. The committee will work on next year's Plan of Service.

Associate Membership: Jeannette Bach moved to approve Peck Community Schools as an Associate Member. Jim Rancilio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Legislative Day, September 10, 2008.