

Board report September 12, 2007

Completed a revised FY07 budget. It will be presented to the Board in September for approval.

Our Annual meeting will be October 10, 2007 at the Horizon Conference Center. George Needham will be the main speaker. He will speak on the future of libraries.

Have scheduled visits to the new members – during September.

Sheila and I will attend the MLC workshop on using social software in libraries.

White Pine is still working with SVSU to get the MLS program from UW Madison offered at SVSU. At this point, the two universities are talking about the technical requirements to offer the classes remotely. Only the core courses are taught this way. The other courses are on-line and traditional distance education programs. Once we know how the technical/electronic parts will work, prices can be established for taking a course.

On August 28, I went to Capital Library Coop to pick up some supplies for White Pine. The CLC office closed 8/31.

Monitoring the Legislature to see what budget activity is happening.

Round two of the Gates Grant is taking place Applications are due October 1, 2007. Libraries can choose to order via their cooperative or on their own. Libraries receiving a letter from the Library of Michigan can apply, and are pretty assured of getting at least one computer.

Still working with the Cooperative Remix committee on the future of cooperatives in Michigan.

Will be visiting all the new members this month.

Jane and I met with agents about insurance and our benefit package. We continue to explore new options and cost saving measures.

Workshops:

October 4, 2007, 10:00-12:00pm
Customer service and your building
White Pine Library Cooperative Office

October 5, 2007, 10:00-12:00pm
Repeated in E. Tawas at the Iosco-Arenac District Library