

**WOODLANDS LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL**
Thursday, June 15, 2023

MINUTES

Order

The Advisory Council meeting, held at the Albion District Library, was called to order at 10:06 am by Angela Semifero, Council Chair.

Introductions

Cindy Stanczak – Albion District Library
John Rucker – Branch District Library
Kimberly Feltner – Branch District Library
Mary Kennedy – Burr Oak Township Library
Mary Gallup – Clinton Township Public Library
Lise Mitchell – Grand Ledge Area District Library
Liz Breed – Jackson District Library
Mattie Cook-Hildebrandt – Lyons Township District Library
Angela Semifero – Marshall District Library
Nancy Bellaire – Monroe County Library System
Cory Grimminck – Portland District Library
Colleen Leddy – Stair District Library
Susan Bach – Tecumseh District Library
Joyce Gendron – Waldron District Library
Perri Saunders – White Pigeon Township Library
Kate Pohjola Andrade – Woodlands Library Cooperative
Laura Claucherty – Woodlands Library Cooperative

Agenda Approval

It was moved to approve the agenda as presented. (Moved: Gendron, Second: Stanczak. Motion: Carried.)

Minutes

It was moved to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2023, Advisory Council meeting. (Moved: Grimminck, Second: Leddy. Motion: Carried.)

Financial Report

The April and May financial reports were posted online and linked to the meeting agenda for review. State aid funds are starting to come in, and members can now request their grant and reimbursement funds from the cooperative office.

Committee Reports

Kate will be contacting members who volunteered to serve on the Woodlands committees. A couple of the committees have been renamed and we will need to update the Plan of Service to reflect those changes. She hopes to be able to resume continuing education programs in the fall.

eResources

The eResources committee met to update the Woodlands Downloadable Library materials challenge policy. Due to the increase in Intellectual Freedom challenges the cooperative is getting prepared. The policy will be vendor neutral, applying to all of the cooperative collections offered to members. The council will review the policy first, then it will go to the Board for approval. Kate will also check with a legal consultant before the policy goes to the Board to make sure it is acceptable.

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business for this Advisory Council meeting.

New Business

There was no New Business for this meeting.

Discussion Topic

A Council member asked if there was a training app for Libby. Kimberly shared the site [LibbyApp.com](https://libbyapp.com)

Break

The Advisory Council did not take a break.

Director's Report

- Kate is working with Hoopla to smooth out the bumps that popped up during the roll out.
- Kate attended the Legislative Advocacy Day, visited a couple of representatives, and said the experience was awesome. She encourages everyone to try to attend next year.
- Kate provided Board and Director's training for the St. Joseph County libraries.
- We had a Board meeting scheduled in May, but lost quorum the day of the meeting so had to cancel.
- Kate will provide strategic planning for Eaton Rapids Area District Library, and possibly East Lansing Public Library and Albion District Library.
- Kate attended the Grand Opening of the Lenawee District Library's building renovation.
- The chartered bus to ALA in Chicago is half full and the pick up spots are Charlotte, Marshall, and Coldwater.

What's Happening in Your Library?**White Pigeon Township Library**

Perri Saunders – Perri said they started summer reading and had a lot of people show up for their kick-off program featuring Potawatomi Zoo. They host live music at a nearby park on Wednesdays. They are fundraising for a new bookmobile to serve their rural area.

Jackson District Library

Liz Breed – Liz said summer reading has started, and they took reservations early which helped their numbers and are up to 2,500 registrants. They had a bookmobile accident where it caught under a portico and damaged the mechanicals on top of the vehicle.

Tecumseh District Library

Susan Bach – Susan reported that their millage passed so they are good for the next 10 years. They put in a lot of work to get it passed. They have started summer reading for adults, teens, tweens and children. The prize drawing for adults this summer is pies. They have several capital improvement projects, including a flat roof that needs work, update to LED lighting, and they will sealcoat the parking lot.

Branch District Library

John Rucker – John said they received a verbal, informal complaint about a book. They just got a VIN assigned for their bookmobile and will be getting it up and running in a few months. They are having a foam party for the end of summer reading provided by BattleGR out of Comstock Park. They are bringing 2 cannons that shoot 50 feet and they do it all. The library just provides electricity and water.

Portland District Library

Cory Grimminck – Cory said that summer reading started, and they had 675 people attend the kick-off. They also signed up 60 new card holders and gave away swag bags. Cory also said they were busy spending funds from a grant they were included in with the schools.

Stair District Library

Colleen Leddy – Colleen said they held the Grand Opening of their outdoor musical instrument installation (14 in all) and the town closed off the main street for them. They had a Drummunity program as well. This weekend is their town festival. They have a monthly program provided by the Health Department and they made body scrubs to go with the program topic. She attended a township meeting to discuss replacing their roof.

Marshall District Library

Angela Semifero – Angela said their summer reading theme is Won't You Be Our Neighbor to celebrate their community. They will have tours of local places and 36 businesses are participating in their annual summer reading scavenger hunt. For summer reading they had a mini golf kick-off.

Albion District Library

Cindy Stanczak – Cindy said they had a Nerf Wars summer reading kick-off at the park. They are fully staffed for the first time in 3 years. Some of the programs they have scheduled are a fire truck event and animal rescue. They are trying to get everyone to use Read Square. They are excited to close the library and send 8 staff members on the bus going to ALA. They are doing a lot of facility work and are waiting for a new generator, which won't be available until next fall. They are starting strategic planning.

Grand Ledge Area District Library

Lise Mitchell – Lise reported that summer reading started off well. They stopped doing a separate registration and will just register patrons with their 1st reading log. They are also having a foam party for their summer reading finale. She attended the Citizen Scientist Association Conference in Phoenix, AZ, which provided lots of possibilities for patrons including [SciStarter - SciStarter](#) and [Zooniverse](#).

Burr Oak Township Library

Mary Ann Kennedy – Mary said they are getting things around for summer reading. For their opening program next Tuesday, they will hold Circus Reading Camp.

Clinton Township Public Library

Mary Gallup – Mary said she is new to the director position and has a new staff. She is the only staff member who has worked at a library for longer than 9 months.

Eaton Rapids Area District Library

Bryonna Barton – Bryonna sent in her report. They have 188 registrations for summer reading, closing in on last year's 304 final registrations. They received a \$5,000 donation from their school Youth Action Committee, allowing them to have some amazing events this summer. They are looking for a part time bookkeeper, and only had one applicant that did not show up for the interview. They're also looking for a library assistant, and had a lot of applicants with two great possible candidates. They hired their first high school library page for the summer. They hope to launch their bond campaign soon. They are beginning to make a strategic plan with Kate.

Kate announced that the MAP program has updated their website, and Woodlands will be sending out boxes of promotional materials to members.

Kate randomly selected names of those who attended today's meeting and will send out STEM supply kits to the lucky winners.

Public Participation

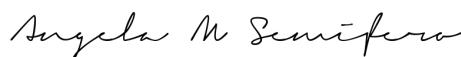
There was no public participation for this Advisory Council meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held virtually at 10:00 am on Thursday, August 17, 2023.

Adjourn

The Advisory Council meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.



Angela Semifero, Woodlands Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Chair