



**WOODLANDS LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, August 17, 2023

MINUTES

Order

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

Introductions

Cindy Stanczak – Albion District Library
Kristina Reynolds – Bath Township Public Library
John Rucker – Branch District Library
Mary Kennedy – Burr Oak Township Library
Mary Gallup – Clinton Township Public Library
Kate Gillham – Dorothy Hull Library
Bryonna Barton – Eaton Rapids Area District Library
Lise Mitchell – Grand Ledge Area District Library
Angela Semifero – Marshall District Library
Nancy Bellaire – Monroe County Library System
Colleen Leddy – Stair District Library
Lisa Bell – Sunfield District Library
Susan Bach – Tecumseh District Library
Carla Rumsey – Vermontville Township 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: Rucker, Second: Saunders. Motion: Carried.)

Minutes

It was moved to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2023, Advisory Council meeting. (Moved: Stanczak, Second: Saunders. Motion: Carried.)

Financial Report

The June and July financial reports were presented and appear monthly on the Woodlands website. We are starting to receive final state aid payments.

Committee Reports

Committees have been idle, but Kate will be reaching out to volunteers to establish our new committees. She will send out one more call for volunteers to fill any unfilled committee seats.

Budgeting and Finance

This committee will meet soon to review the draft 2023-24 budget.

eResources

The eResources committee members attended OverDrive's Digipalooza. The members returned from the conference with increased enthusiasm and many great ideas. The Woodlands Downloadable Library is trying to figure out how to decrease the waitlist.

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business for this Advisory Council meeting.

New Business

The draft budget for 2023-24 is basically the same as last year. We will be reevaluating eResources on a cost versus use perspective. Kate is looking into usage statistics, and the committee will be discussing if there are any resources that patrons might get better use of. A couple of ideas are Creative Bug and a comics resource. The Hoopla service had some issues for members that were already using the service, and Kate is trying to figure out some solutions. If you are having an issue with Hoopla, make sure to let Kate know. Log in to our Consumer Reports service has been confusing, with MeL having a lesser version.

Discussion Topic

Book challenges continue to be a problem. Some state libraries are dropping their ALA membership because of social issues.

Director's Report

- Kate informed members to be aware of changes in the state elevator code. Fixes could be costly.
- Because the Library of Michigan has some staffing issues, the Small and Rural Librarians Conference is not being offered this year. The Michigan Library Association might plan their own version of the conference. Kate is a member of the content workgroup. Members reported that interest in attending depended on the cost of the conference in relation to the content provided. Kate reminded the members that Continuing Education grants are available through the Library of Michigan and Woodlands.
- Kate will help Eaton Rapids Area District Library with strategic planning. White Pigeon Township Library will be having a Bookmobile fundraiser.

What's Happening in Your Library?**Monroe County Library System**

Nancy Bellaire – Nancy said one of their branches will receive a new building to replace an existing one due to the city receiving a grant for a new building. They are starting a Library of Things with cake pans to see how it goes. Penal fines were down by about a third for July.

Branch District Library

John Rucker – John reported their penal fines were down too. They had 500 participants for summer reading and had 1,000 attendees for the end of summer reading bash. Nine of their participants for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten have finished the program. His staff member on the Woodlands eResources Committee was thrilled with attending Digipalooza. He said the information from the Beyond Book Bans Conference was great.

Tecumseh District Library

Susan Bach – Susan said they will have a 20 Year Celebration of becoming a district library on September 30th. She also reported their millage passed in May. They are working on capital improvements including lighting and repaving the parking lot. They are getting ready for a community survey.

White Pigeon Township Library

Perri Saunders – Perri said they are doing fundraising, and seeking grant funding, for a new bookmobile. They are planning a wine tasting event with a local bookstore and a local bar teaming up to help. They will pair up books with appropriate drinks. They are switching to the Atrium circ system. Perri and her assistant director will be attending the Association of Bookmobiles and Outreach Services Conference in October. Thanks to LM stipends, they received \$1,600 each to attend.

Albion District Library

Cindy Stanczak – Cindy said they are working on facility issues including signing a contract for a new AC unit, a new surge protector to help mitigate storm damage, and they are looking into a new generator (with a 60-week waitlist). They are updating their security system and will rekey all their doors with an emergency lock/unlock feature that will work on all the doors at once. They have had water damage from one of their roof top AC units that didn't drain properly. They have also reorganized their seating arrangements. They had a Leader Dog puppy raiser come for Storytime and it was beautiful, fluffy chaos. The puppy got experience in a library and meeting kids, and parents learned about how to interact with service animals.

Bath Township Public Library

Kristie Reynolds – Kristie said they are replacing their circ system to Atrium as well.

Stair District Library

Colleen Leddy – Colleen said they had magician Cameron Zvara give a wonderful program. They had a back-to-school festival and shut down the main street. The library gave away Mop Topper pens, which were very popular. They will have flower arranging and henna programs. They are trying to get their roof replaced.

Vermontville Township Library

Carla Rumsey – Carla reported they had a pipe burst and their carpet got soaked. They will need to replace their carpet but will not get it until late September. They received a grant for a Story Walk.

Marshall District Library

Angela Semifero – Angela said their summer reading program, Won't You Be My Neighbor, was very joyful, and the community wants to work with the library again. They had an end of summer reading program at the Wilder Creek Conservation Club and featured trucks from community places. This fall they will go back to regular after school programming.

Grand Ledge Area District Library

Lise Mitchell – Lise said summer reading went well. They had a 70% increase in participation and had 400 attend the end party. They will have a Lego Challenge in August, and in September they will reorganize their shelving for more room. They are also fighting a tax capture situation.

Eaton Rapids Area District Library

Bryonna Barton – Bryonna said they have wrapped up their fall events. They will start Saturday programs to see how it goes. They will have a Leader Dog program in September. They also offer a Teens Book Box, where they have books and snacks for teens contained in a box. The Youth Action Committee received a grant for summer reading, and they will build a media kit. The library will hold a Halloween Costume Swap.

Dorothy Hull Library

Kate Gillham – Kate said she is the interim director and is learning a lot. They made it through summer reading and are trying to brainstorm some exciting new programs that are affordable and low effort. They are looking forward to having mileage money next year and are planning exciting improvements for the library.

Burr Oak Township Library

Mary Ann Kennedy – Mary said they had a great response for the summer reading program. They are working on improving their Sonic Wall and got great shelving units.

Sunfield District Library

Lisa Bell – Lisa said their summer reading just wrapped up, and their town's festival is this weekend. The library has created a great float for the event. Their new bike book mobile has been successful this summer.

Public Participation

There was no public participation for this Advisory Council meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, October 12, 2023.

Adjourn

It was moved to adjourn the Advisory Council meeting at 11:40 am. (Moved: Stanczak, Second: Reynolds. Motion: Carried.)

Angela M Semifero

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