

**NORTHLAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
WOLVERINE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
February 8, 2005**

Present:

**Amy Knepp, Mio
Sue Warner, Wolverine Community Library
Moira Maus, Curtis Township Library
Elizabeth Benson, Topinabee Public Library
Averill Packard, Gerrish Higgins School District Public Library
Karen Sherrard, Petoskey Public Library
Mary Sue Pantera, Petoskey Public Library
Mark Bronson, Cheboygan Area Public Library
Cliff Carey, Alanson Public Library
Judi Stillion, Alpena County Library
Jan Stevenson, Presque Isle District Library
Cindy Lou Poquette, Indian River Area Library
Carol Luck, Alcona County Library
Susan Conklin, Crooked Tree District Library
Dawn Pringle, Jordan Valley District Library
Jackie Skinner, Otsego County Library
Nanette Miller, Boyne District Library
Christine Johnson, Interim Director, Northland Library Cooperative**

Meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Luck.

Motion by Cindy Lou Poquette, second by Karen Sherrard to accept the 11/12/04 minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Search Committee Report

Committee is going to recommend a person for the Director position at the next Northland Library Board meeting.

ILL/Regional Catalog Committee Report

Christine said it will cost the cooperative the same price if it keeps the same method. Christine is still exploring options to see if we can find another way to save money.

Report from Northland

Staff at cooperative has been doing a great job pitching in to help with staff being out due to illnesses and death in family.

LSTA grant is moving forward and the libraries should be “live” in March with the SIRSI system. Christine is planning on doing MEL review of the new components on March 17th in Petoskey and March 18th in Gaylord during the afternoons. She plans to have more classes in April.

Christine handed out the Northland Library Board's agenda for next week.

2004/2005 budget

The budget has extra money in it. The budget is still under budget even though there was a repair to the furnace. LBPH is still within budget. Christine is not sure if will reach internet revenue total for this year. Christine will keep monitoring this. The budget was simply for information.

If the ILL module is dropped out of Auto-graphics it will save the cooperative \$25,000. Christine is still exploring the options to see if there is anything cheaper.

Internet services

The last nine years, the internet has provided useable cash flow for the cooperative. There are 50 modems the cooperative is paying for. The handout explained how many modems are being used in each location. Christine will bring this to the board at the next board meeting. May keep it running for part of the year or the cooperative can pick a date to quit the internet services.

Service Priorities

Service priorities that were discussed in November were put in paper form for everyone. The top priorities were where there was wide agreement.

Workshops

A workshop request handout included ideas of what workshops to make available in the cooperative based on surveys of member librarians and staff.

Rural Libraries Conference was discussed

Rural Roundtable workshop on Wednesday, March 16th at the Daughtery Hotel on preserving Local History. Online form is available at the roundtable's homepage.

April meeting date

There is a conflict with the cooperative director's meeting and the advisory council meeting on the same date. The meeting date was changed to the 15th of April, still at Gerrish-Higgins.

Mel Delivery

Beaver Island can't participate with Mel Delivery due to being on an island. They don't have a choice. Postage reimbursement is currently only lending within the cooperative or \$450 paid toward Mel delivery.

Moved by Karen Sherrard, second by Judi Stillion to reimburse Beaver Island for postage to Michigan libraries up to an annual cap of \$450. Motion carried.

Reports from Libraries were given.

LUNCH

Speaker-Louise Bugg, MeLCat Coordinator spoke on MelCat, Mel databases, and Mel Delivery.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

**Dawn Pringle
Secretary**