

NLC Advisory Council 2/7/08
Wolverine Community Library

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| Mark Bronson | Cheboygan Area Public Library |
| Carol Luck | Alcona County Library |
| Val Meyerson | Charlevoix Public Library |
| Karen Sherrard | Petoskey Public Library |
| Cindy Lou Poquette | Indian River Area Library |
| Sarah Allaire | Mackinaw Area Public Library |
| Janis Stevenson | Presque Isle District Library |
| Sue Warner | Wolverine Community Library |
| Amy Knepp | Oscoda County Library |
| Susan Conklin | Crooked Tree |
| Nannette Miller | Boyne District Library |
| Maureen Derenzy | Otsego County Library |
| Roger Mendel | NLC |
| Karen Walker | Alanson Area Public Library |

Karen Sherrard called the meeting to order at 10:35am.

Maureen Durenzy made the motion to accept the agenda as presented and it was supported by Susan Conklin. The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Lou Poquette made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Sue Warner supported. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Roger is waiting for the first financial report from the new bookkeeper and will share the information when it is available.

Some libraries are requesting the procedure for applying for the Cooperative Technology Grants. Roger explained that they can be broad, they don't need to be too specific. You must make your request before Sept. 30, 2008.

Some libraries are scheduling programming for the Summer Reading Program through the cooperative, others are booking their own programs.

Roger thanked the members who helped with the survey for the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum.

Roger asked for volunteers for two cooperative committees, a pr committee to develop a plan for a publicity campaign promoting libraries. The other committee is to look at disbursement of reserve funds held by the cooperative.

Discussion was held on the future of state aid and reaction to the proposed plan from the State Librarian. Copies of the plan were distributed along with comments from Judi Stillion and Jeanne Ludlow, (a copy of Judi's statement was distributed). Copies of comments from Superiorland Co-op were distributed. Val shared that the committee has not met since the last planning session.

The consensus from members in attendance was that: coops need to remain funded and a viable part of the new model. Core services are too narrowly focused and they should include professional support as a core service. There needed to be more definition for the partnerships, (schools and universities). Clarify and provide an explanation for the future uses LSTA money.

There was a general concern of a lack of local control, less funds for libraries, too much control and money going to fewer decision makers. There is no projection of the costs of the core services and the administration of those services. Funds should go directly to the libraries and then the libraries would buy from a menu of services. Mark will work on a draft letter and send it out to members to comment.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

The next meeting is May 15, 2008 at the Lewiston Branch, Montmorency Libraries.