

Northland Library Cooperative  
Advisory Council  
Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010, 10:30am  
Wolverine Community Library

Attendees:

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| Mark Bronson       | Cheboygan Area Public Library       |
| Dick Wheelock      | Cheboygan Area Public Library       |
| Eunice Teel        | Topinabee Public Library            |
| Cliff Carey        | Boyne District Library              |
| Val Meyerson       | Charlevoix Public Library           |
| Karen Walker       | Crooked Tree – Walloon Lake         |
| Maureen Derenzy    | Otsego County Library               |
| Elizabeth Benson   | Topinabee Public Library            |
| Carol Luck         | Alcona County Library               |
| Dawn Pringle       | Jordan Valley District Library      |
| Christine Johnson  | Northland Library Cooperative       |
| Sue Warner         | Wolverine Community Library         |
| Cindy Lou Poquette | Indian River Area Library           |
| Karen Sherrard     | Petoskey Public Library             |
| Jan Stevenson      | Presque Isle District Library       |
| Roger Mendel       | Northland Library Cooperative       |
| Patty King         | Topinabee Public Library            |
| Lori Haas          | Montmorency County Public Libraries |
| Jolene Michaels    | Mackinaw Area Public Library        |

The NLC meeting was called to order at 10:30am.

Cindy Lou Poquette proposed a new meeting format that would combine the Advisory Council meeting and the NLC Board meeting. This would save presenting the same agenda and questions separately to both entities.

Carol Luck made a motion to approve the minutes and Val Meyerson supported. The motion passed unanimously.

Roger presented the Fiscal Year budget and discussed the current budget.

The second state aid payment is due soon. When it arrives please let NLC know when it arrived and how much you received. Roger will bill the libraries and hopes that all can be paid by the end of September.

NLC will use some fund balance to balance the current budget, Jan Stevenson made a motion to recommend that the budget be revised, Cliff Carey supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Roger reported:

Negotiations for the 2010-11 state budget include an overall increase in State Aid to libraries. The budget will show a 4% decrease in State Aid and then funds from the Dept. of Education will be allocated to reflect an overall increase.

Cliff Carey and Jan Stevenson will begin terms as NLC board members starting 10/1/2010.

It is recommended that there be 5 meetings per year, Carol Luck made a motion to recommend the 2010/11 meeting calendar and Dawn Pringle supported. The motion passed unanimously.

It was recommended and Val Meyerson made a motion to merge the Summer Reading and the Technology Upgrade grants into a single Library Services and Enhancement Grant. Jan Stevenson supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The new grant would allow member libraries to allocate funds where they are most needed.

The draft budget for 2010/11 was presented and Dawn Pringle made a motion to recommend the budget to the board. Karen Sherrard supported and the motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Lou Poquette made a motion and Dawn Pringle supported to recommend a change to the NLC Directors contract that would exclude travel and extend notice of termination from 20 days to 30 days. The motion passed unanimously.

Jan Stevenson made a motion to amend the current NLC Trainer contract by increasing the allowed lunch reimbursement rate to \$15.00. Jolene Michaels supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There is nothing new to report about the Merit broad band initiative.

Christine Johnson held a Plink-It training session at the Charlevoix library. Also, MeL database training will be done through WebEx.

Mark Bronson gave an update about proposed dues and bylaws changes for MLA.

Maureen Derenzy gave an update on work updating the county/township library establishment laws.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Bronson