

**Northland Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2022 10:30 a.m.
Cheboygan Area Public Library**

Introduction of Members:

Members Present:

Val Meyerson (Petoskey District Library)	Linda Adams (Northland Library Cooperative)
Michele Howard (Traverse Area District Library)	Sue Warner (Wolverine Community Library)
Tanya Procknow (Mackinaw Area Public Library)	Mark Bronson (Cheboygan Area Public Library)
Kelsey Rutkowski (Indian River Area Library)	Emily Clare (Cheboygan Area Public Library)
Denise Bearre (Alcona County Library)	Dan Welihan (Cheboygan Area Public Library)
Jackie Skinner (Otsego County Library)	John Roberts (Kalkaska County Library)
Leanne Milliman (Crooked Tree District Library)	Pam Williams (Elk Rapids District Library)
Monica Peck (Boyne District Library)	

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by President, Val Meyerson.

Approval of Agenda:

The Agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the September 15, 2022 meeting were approved by consensus.

Approval of Financial Reports

- **September 2022 Financial Report:** L. Adams presented the financials. Reports approved by consensus.

Directors Report:

Linda reviewed her report emailed to us in the board packet, noting the following updates:

- Northland was very well represented at **MLA's Annual Awards**. Monica Peck was Librarian of the Year. Amy Knepp received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Kelly Altman received the Excellence Award in Youth Services. In other awards news, Judy and Dave Jacalone received the 2022 **Keep Michigan Beautiful Award** for their efforts restoring the Topinabee Public Library.
- Indian River and Crooked Tree Libraries are now **Class 2**. Tahquamenon went from Class 3 to **Class 2**.
- **LM State Aid Report** is now open, and the report is due in January. The total amount of State Aid to public libraries is \$15,567,700.00. This is \$.503478 per capita for direct and indirect state aid to public libraries. Cooperatives will receive \$.503478 per capita and a density payment of \$10.069561 per square mile.
- **Enhancement and Continuing Education grants** are now open, and members are welcome to apply for monies.
- **Consumer Reports Online and BookPage** have been renewed for the 22-23 fiscal year.
- Any suggestions for topic for **Northland's Online Director's chats** for February and June 2023 are welcome.
- Linda received 258 calls for support and information FY 21-22.

Business:

- **FY 22-23 Board:** Because Tahquamenon is no longer a Class 3 Library; another Class 3 Library needs to be represented on the board. Monica Peck from Boyne District Library agreed to be the Class 3

library on the board.

- **Curtis Township Library:** j. Skinner moved that the Northland Library Cooperative accept the Curtis Township Library as a branch of the Alcona County Library if Curtis Township does become a branch of the Alcona County Library. M. Peck seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- **RIDES:** Linda noted that there were discrepancies between Northland's policies about the the number of RIDES deliveries that will be covered by NLC for each library and what is actually being paid. Some libraries would prefer to not have as frequent of deliveries. Please let Linda know if you are one of these libraries. Linda will check with Tara Kanon at MCLS about being able to make changes to the number of deliveries.
- **Director Evaluation:** M. Howard reported that Linda received a top notch performance evaluation from the evaluation committee. 😊

What's happening at your library?

Val Meyerson (Petoskey District Library): Petoskey's Friends of the Library raised \$20,000 for the Library. The exhibit, **Americans and the Holocaust**, will begin January 5th and end February 14th. Classroom tours are available.

Michele Howard (Traverse Area District Library): The Kingsley Library received a 1 million dollar grant for a new Library, and TADL received a \$10,000 for its new sign.

Tanya Procknow (Mackinaw Area Public Library): Mackinaw is working with the Library of Michigan to digitize historical materials. They will be holding a Christmas open house featuring festivals of the world. They will also host a program in partnership with the local historical society featuring historical recipes.

Kelsey Rutkowski (Indian River Area Library): Past board member, Patti Brown, passed away, and the Library is receiving memorial donations in her honor. Their local paper is ending publication, and fiscal agency agreements with their townships are finalized.

Denise Bearre (Alcona County Library): Alcona is participating in the Christmas in the Village community celebration. Plans for a new building for Hubbard Lake is moving forward.

Jackie Skinner (Otsego County Library): Their strategic plan is complete and has been presented to the board of commissioners. Their 2023 budget has also been presented and approved.

Leanne Milliman (Crooked Tree District Library): Crooked Tree is going fine free in January. A strategic plan is in the works and Walloon now has heat and hot water in their restroom.

Monica Peck (Boyne District Library): Boyne District Library is using a local consulting firm to create their new strategic plan.

Sue Warner (Wolverine Community Library): Wolverine is moving into a large facility next door when it is completed which should be shortly. The Library is hosting a pie baking contest.

Mark Bronson (Cheboygan Area Public Library): Door counts are picking up; they participated in the local Trunk or Treat event. Their Friends group is struggling to gain new membership.

John Roberts (Kalkaska County Library): Kalkaska County Library is looking to expand services to Cold Springs and Garfield townships. Another request for federal monies for a new building will be submitted.

Pam Williams (Elk Rapids District Library): NLC members warmly welcomed Pam to her first meeting. Elk Rapids is working on their strategic planning process with the assistance of MCLS.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 12:10 am.

The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for the Topinabee Public Library on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 10:30 am. A Christmas potluck will follow the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Skinner, Director, Otsego County Library

