

Advisory Council Meeting

Topinabee Library

December 6, 2023

Present:

John Roberts, Kalkaska Library

Tanya Procknow, Mackinaw Library

Jackie Skinner, Otsego Library

Brice Bush, Cheboygan Library

Lori **Haas**, Montmorency

Monica Peck, Boyne Library

Judy Jacalone, Topinabee Library

Sue Warner, Wolverine Library

Amber Alexander, Presque Isle Library

Brian Freitag, Tahquamenon Library

Denise Bearre, Alcona Library

Val Meyerson, Petoskey Library

Pam Williams, Elk Rapids Library

Jennifer Thomet, Interlochen Library

Leanne Milliman, Crooked Tree Library

Linda Adams, Northland Co-op

Bridgitte, Topinabee Library

Meeting called to order at 10:35 by President Monica Peck.

Approval of agenda – motion made by Jackie Skinner. Second by Sue Warner.

Approval of minutes – motion made by Amber Alexander. Second by Val Meyerson.

Financial reports-

MI Class Account is performing well with a current fund balance of \$374,631.96.

Annual audit came back clean. Amber Alexander made a motion to recommend that the Board accept the audit as presented. Seconded by Val Meyerson.

Director's Report-

Northland Chats:

December 5, 2023: Digitization Resources with Biz Gall from LM

December 5, 2023: NLC Youth Staff met to discuss non-book special collections.

Library of Michigan:

- Interviews have been completed for the Library Development Coordinator position and a recommendation has been sent to HR within MDE. It languishes there.
- FY 25 budget for LM is up in the air. They are proposing to fill 7 positions in 2025 and 6 more in 2026.
- Night for Notables is on April 20, 2024, in Lansing

#### Michigan Library Association:

- New Freedom to Read legislation is expected to be introduced in the House in January. Expect Calls to Action when it goes to committee and again when it goes to a vote.
- 2024 Advocacy Day in Lansing on April 16
- Working with MCDA on a new trustee training February 15 at 6 p.m.
- Planning transportation to the 2024 PLA Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio
- 2024 Think Space to begin in December.

#### MCLS:

- The RIDES contract for the UP increased by 15% and the contract for the lower peninsula is currently being negotiated. They expect a similar increase.
  - TALK and text before kindergarten is being introduced nationally at PLA Conference in 2024.
- Coop wide pricing is available. Any interest in NLC?
- New strategic plan completed.
  - Working on Freedom to Read legislation for academic libraries.

Overdrive RLA Agreements: MCDA is working with Overdrive (Daiva) on an agreed upon RLA agreement. The hope is that all libraries entering the RLA will set the same parameters for lending.

Michigan Activity Pass has its own Facebook page with updates to participating organizations.

Encourage staff to share applicable venues on local pages.

State Aid Reports are due February 1, 2024.

Demco's Book Doctor workshops are scheduled for May 7 in Gaylord. Registration will take place in the Spring.

NLC Enhancement Grants: We have combined the enhancement grants with the continuing ed grants this year and have revised the application process. You will apply one time for up to three projects.

Your application is sent to Linda with all receipts. For more info:

Grants will be awarded to purchase materials, provide programming, add technology (software and hardware) and to enhance the facility to meet the mission of the library. The grant can also be used for continuing education opportunities for director and staff.

The grant availability is based on the size of the library:

Class I: \$2694

Class II: \$4606

Class III: \$5703

Class IV: \$7084

Class VI: \$9562

The grant application must be submitted by August 31, 2024. Submit all requests on one form and include receipts. If you have questions about eligibility, please contact the NLC director.

Enhancement Grant Form 23-24 Fillable

TALK and Text to Learn:

Based on our numbers for Northland, your pricing would be:

- Subscription price of \$1,125 for 1/1/24-9/30/24
  - We would provide 11 text message blocks (5,000 messages each) for all of your libraries at no cost to Northland.
- o Messages do not expire, so there would be no charge for additional blocks until all of those messages have been used.

Let me know if you need more details. If any Northland libraries already subscribe to TALK, we can discuss how to migrate them to a co-op wide subscription.

Motion to proceed with TALK made by Val Meyerson and seconded by Brice Bush.

What's going on at your library?

Brice-gingerbread house building. Over a 1,000 people attended live reindeer event.

Amber-holiday movie event featuring "Home Alone."

Val-construction continues. NYE celebration coming up. Film series has restarted and is well attended.

Lori-providing fine arts program with three area elementary schools.

Brian-ongoing painting class, weekly crochet class. Writing workshop for students. NOAA weather presentation. Working with local homeschool groups. Construction upcoming.

Pam-visiting local municipalities board meetings. Programming at the library has increased greatly in the past year. The new building has passed initial inspection.

Jennifer-holiday programs and wreath making.

Judy-Santa visit. Christmas tree lighting. Story time went well. Received monetary donation from a previous librarian.

John-creating two township libraries. Received pilot funding from Grand Traverse Community Foundation.

Monica-dealing with some building issues. Refresh of children's area. Successful adult program with Irene Miller and Candidate Forum.

Tanya-after school program. Food program including pasty making. Received grant for new stove. Elves coming for Christmas program.

Sue-closed on the building October 31. Took possession on November 1. Pie baking contest was very successful. Santa visit the previous week with over 200 in attendance.

Jackie-working on a new library website.

Denise-Christmas in the village previous weekend with 130 in attendance. Furnace issues in several buildings.

Leanne-upcoming holiday music with LeeAnne Whitman at both locations.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Amber. Seconded by Brice. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne Milliman

Secretary