

VALLEY LIBRARY CONSORTIUM
Minutes of the Administrative Council
January 19, 2010 10:00 a.m.

Council Members Present: Tom Birch-Bay County; Erin Schmandt-Chesaning; Josh Schu-Community District; Jack Wood-Delta; Bruce Guy-Gladwin; Melissa Barnard-Grace A. Dow; Stephanie Mallak Olson-Iosco; Kate Pohjola-Lapeer; Judy Eastland-MMI; Jeanette Bach-Pigeon; Trish Burns-PLOS; Kristen Valyi-Hax-Ruth Hughes; Nannette Pretzer-St. Charles; Bryon Sitler-White Pine.

Council Members Not Present: Kay Hurd-Almont; Colleen Montalbano-Bay City Schools; Rosemary Rice-Gutierrez-Bridgeport; Marcia Dievendorf-Caro; Desta Ureel-Dryden; Bruce Guy-Gladwin; Sheila Bissonnette-Harrison; Jessica Moore-Marlette; Cory Goethe-MCC; Kelli Lovaz-North Branch; Alice Parsons-Northwood; Marsha Boyd-West Branch.

Others Attending: Lee Martin-VLC; Kay Dunker-VLC.

Chair J. Bach called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

J. Bach asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of the minutes

K. Pohjola moved to approve the minutes from November 17, 2010 meeting. B. Sitler seconded. Motion passed

2. ILL Project

T. Burns moved that Northwood be moved to the bottom of the request queue until the end of Northwood's fiscal year at which point Northwood should become a member of RIDES. If they will not, the VLC libraries will not interloan to them. T. Birch seconded. Motion passed.

3. Strategic planning

The first meeting in the strategic planning process will be March 25, 2010 at the VLC offices from 10:00 to 4:00. Members are welcome to bring two people to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. L. Martin proposes that the discussion about SkyRiver be continued at the Strategic Planning meetings. Members agreed.
2. The testing of LibraryThing and ChiliFresh was postponed due to the Horizon 7.5.1 beta testing.
3. The VLC recommends waiting until two to three months after the general release of Horizon 7.5.1 before upgrading. Members agreed.
4. L. Martin stated that he had hoped to have visited all the member libraries by now, but that has not been possible. He continues to schedule those visits.

5. K. Dunker and J. Enge have started to visit member libraries (Delta, St. Charles, and the Public libraries of Saginaw) to see what it's like to provide customer service at a library today.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Initial Operating Budget 2011/2012 Presentation

L. Martin presented a proposed budget for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year. The budget will be voted on at the next meeting.

2. Personnel Committee Recommendations

There was discussion about the liability of the Administrative Council in regards to personnel issues. L. Martin will investigate the issue and report back at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Grace A. Dow won the "I Love My Library Sweepstakes," from Taped Editions, Inc. The prize is a collection of audiobooks valued at \$500.

Lapeer District Library will no longer have a branch in Goodland.

Chesaning is sending in a district library contract and should soon be the River Rapids District Library.

The Public Libraries of Saginaw is getting the clipping and negative files of the Saginaw News.

The Public Libraries of Saginaw has 98% of the collection tagged with RFID tags and will begin using Selfcheck at Hoyt, then Butman-Fish, then Zauel. They are also purchasing Envisionware.

Pigeon is doing its 3rd Annual Winter Reading program.

T. Burns stated that the Saginaw County Health Department is now forcing them to get a license when they server food at an event.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting is February 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kay Dunker.