

**Minutes of the Township Advisory Council
Of the Peter White Public Library
December 1, 2010**

The December 1, 2010 meeting of the Township Advisory Council of the Peter White Public Library was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Carolyn Myers.

Members Present

Laurie Karpinen, Carolyn Myers, Sandra Robertson, Greg Hardy, Natasha Gill, Jill Luoma, Jan Raskin, Cheryl Schram and Library Director Pam Christensen.

Agenda

Was approved as submitted.

Minutes

On a motion by Gill with support by Robertson, the Minutes of the September 1, 2010 meeting were approved.

Public Participation

None

Financial Report

Christensen discussed the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 budget.

Library Director's Report

Christensen stated that the millage renewal on the November ballot in Skandia Township passed.

Christensen reported on the plans for the acceptance of the National Medal for Library Service in Washington D.C. in December. Jane Ryan, Toni Eppensteiner and Christensen will visit the White House to accept the award.

The book drop at the Westwood Mall in Marquette Township has been installed.

The PWPL will be extending Sunday hours from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. though May 2011. Gill stated that she would like to see Sunday hours offered during the entire year, since, for many people, Sunday is their only day to visit the Library.

Old Business

Discontinuation of the MichiCard program has elicited negative response from non-resident MichiCard patrons. The Board of Trustee has reviewed several complaints about the cessation of the program, but is holding firm with their decision to discontinue MichiCard participation.

All reports for the Library Links project have been submitted to the Library of Michigan.

TAC Action Plan was discussed. Many of the Actions detailed on the previous plan have been implemented. There are successes that should be maintained and new ideas that can be built upon.

TAC Action Plan

Each TAC representative should explore when annual events are held in the Township. Sands Township has a Halloween party, Skandia Days are held in July, Powell Township has several events as do Chocolay Township and Marquette Township. The PWPL should make an effort to have a presence at these events. If the PWPL could have a schedule of events, they can work with event organizers to take part.

Library Card Sign Up Events and Summer Reading Club Round Ups are great ideas. It was suggested that the PWPL work with the Salvation Army at KI Sawyer to do joint programming. Could the library show movies or videos at programs set in the Townships? The PWPL film license does not allow off-site viewings without an additional fee, but this could be explored. Book giveaways, school visits and programs in the townships were other ideas. The Library Links trainers are still willing to do outreach events in the Townships. There is still a strong interest in the downloadable audio and ebooks—this is a topic that could be offered.

The PWPL has their own newsletter that is available in print and on-line. Extra copies can be sent to the Townships for display. Sands Township does a mailing in July. Skandia does mailings in December and June. We should find out if other townships have mailings or websites that we can use to distribute information. Christensen said she is happy to provide information for Township mailings or newsletters as needed.

Continue sending the calendar of events and posters (or electronic posters when possible) to Township offices for posting. West Branch Township has an area dedicated to PWPL.

New Business

Christensen announced that the Books By Mail program will resume at the PWPL's cost on December 1, 2010. Books By Mail was one of the projects of the Library Links grant. Priority will be given to people who have difficulty getting to PWPL, have a disability or are homebound. The program will be reassessed every six months.

Council Members' Comments

The TAC asked Christensen to check with Townships to see if members who have not attended meetings are still the correct Representative. Christensen said she would check with Chocolay Township to see if Ken Tabor was still interested in serving as the TAC rep. Raskin said this is important because she is out of town during the winter and would like Chocolay Township to be represented while she is gone.

Public Participation

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Laurie Karpinen
Secretary