

## **Minutes of the Township Advisory Council**

### **Of the Peter White Public Library**

**March 2, 2011**

The March 2, 2011 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**

Carolyn Myers, Laurie Karpinen, Sandra Page, Sandra Robertson, Cheryl Schram, Linda Gamble, Natasha Gill and Library Director Pam Christensen.

TAC Representative Sandra Page from Chocolay Township was introduced. Sandra has been appointed to replace long-time Representative Ken Tabor.

The Minutes of the December 1, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Robertson with support by Gill. Motion Carried.

Financial Reports—Christensen said that revenues and expenditures for the 2010/2011 budget were normal. Township millage payments are being received.

**Public Participation**-None

#### **Library Director's Report**

Christensen presented the National Medal for Library Service and talked about the Medal ceremony at the White House in Washington D.C. Board President Toni Eppenteiner and Community Member Jane Ryan also attended the ceremony.

Christensen reviewed the Registered Card Holders Report. This report charts the percentage of Service Area residents with Library cards. The City of Marquette has the highest percentage of residents registered with Marquette Township, Powell Township and Chocolay Township following.

Book Drop Statistics by Location report is delayed. Christensen will distribute in next TAC packet. All four book drops are being used. There has been an increase in use lately. The Marquette Township book drop use has been strong.

State Funding Update-The Governor's Budget reflects new cuts to State Aid of 40%. Some people feel this is a victory—since State Aid has not been cut altogether. The Michigan Library Association is working to increase State Aid. The newly elected officials do not understand Library funding, so MLA is working hard to bring them up to speed.

Extended Sunday Hours seem to be popular with patrons. The Sunday hours are now 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. rather than 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Gill said this is a good move to improve access to the Library. She said she would like to see the PWPL consider Sunday hours during the summer months.

**Old Business**

The TAC Action Plan was discussed. Christensen will prepare a plan on the flow chart for the June 2011 meeting. Several members provided Township event dates and contact person. The PWPL will work with events in the Townships to inform residents about library services and programs. It was suggested that the Monthly Calendar of Events be sent to the A&M restaurant in Skandia.

**New Business-None**

**Council Member's Comments**

Robertson said that the TAC and all of the people PWPL serves are so proud of the National Medal. Other members agreed.

**Public Participation-None**

Next Meeting-Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the PWPL Lions Room.

Respectfully Submitted

Laurie Karpinen,

Secretary