

**Minutes of the Township Advisory Council of the
Peter White Public Library
September 7, 2011**

The September 7, 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, Jill Luoma, Sandra Page, Jan Raskin, Sandra Robertson, Cheryl Schram, Laurie Karpinen and Library Director Pam Christensen.

Agenda

On a motion by Karpinen with support by Raskin the Agenda for the meeting was approved.

Election of Officers

Myers stated that she has enjoyed serving as President of the Township Advisory Council for the past two years and she would encourage others to serve. On a motion by Myers with support by Karpinen, the following slate was submitted; Jill Luoma for President, Sandra Robertson for Vice President and Laurie Karpinen for Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

On a motion by Myers with support by Schram, the motion was made to approve the Minutes from the June 1, 2011 Meeting. Motion carried. Karpinen abstained since she was absent from the meeting.

Public Participation

None

Financial Reports

Christensen presented the updated financials for 2011/2012. At this point, revenues and expenses are normal. Auditors will begin auditing the 2010/2011 financials in October.

Christensen presented a document that explained, line by line, the budget categories for revenues and expenditures for the PWPL General Operating Budget. Questions were answered.

Library Director Report

Christensen reported that there will be a slight increase in population for the PWPL service area (1,112 people) and an increase in State Aid to Public Libraries for 2012. The increase in population will also be used when penal fines are calculated. The PWPL may receive a small increase in funding from both categories in 2012.

Michigan Personal Property Tax changes proposed by the Michigan Legislature could reduce the PWPL tax revenues by approximately \$80,000. This would devastate the PWPL and result in service cutbacks.

Sunday hours have been set at 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is a reduction to the Sunday hours set last December for January-May 2011 (1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.), but an increase of one hour per Sunday over previous Sunday hours.

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Christensen reported that the PWPL is now offering Mango, an on-line language course. Mango can be accessed via the PWPL website. It includes over 40 languages and components for learning English for those for whom English is a second language. Use has been strong, even without much publicity. Christensen also reported that the Great Lakes Digital Library will soon be compatible with Amazon's Kindle electronic book reader. This will probably increase use of the downloadable audio and digital books.

The Allyn Roberts fund raising challenge for \$10,000 has been met. This fund raising challenge was focused on new and returning (over 18 months prior) donors.

The PWPL Summer Reading and Listening Program statistics were very good this year. PWPL had a record number of participants. Programs were well attended.

Old Business

The TAC Action Plan will be reviewed and discussed at the December 2012 meeting. The TAC members mentioned that PWPL staff should start setting up visits to the Townships. The Great Lakes Digital Library and Mango would be good services to feature. Christensen will start developing a schedule for Township visits.

Christensen informed the TAC that she has contacted Dennis Liimatta and Randy Girard at Marquette Township about the absence of Representative Markes.

New Business

TAC members decided to rotate the member's attendance at the Board of Trustees Meetings. Page will attend in September 2012, Raskin will attend on October 18, 2011 and Luoma will attend the November 2011 meeting.

TAC members asked for a new listing of Meeting Dates for the TAC, Board of Trustees and a contact list for the TAC. Christensen will also send out a new copy of the TAC Action Plan.

The PWPL was featured in the Sands and Skandia newsletters.

Public Participation

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Laurie Karpinen
Secretary