

## ALGOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Minutes of August 18, 2014 Meeting

President Ann Schoenborn called the August 18, 2014 meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4 PM. Present: Nancy Kratz, Pat Cichon, Carolyn Wolske, Diana McAninch, Jim Barlow, Ann Schoenborn and Julia Lasecki.

Also Present: Director Rita Schiesser

Open Forum: No comment

Motion by Cichon second by Wolske to approve the August 2014 agenda. Motion Carried.

Motion by Barlow second by McAninch to approve the July 2014 minutes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kratz second by Lasecki to approve the bills. Motion Carried

#### **Directors Report**

##### **Statistics:**

###### People:

4,106 people visits to the library in July 2014

Daily average:158

###### Circulation:

6,517 items circulated in July 2014

Daily average:251

Internet statistics: 618 internet sessions (421 hours)

Wireless Use: statistics not available

#### **Donations**

\$25 memorial donation in memory of Brad Anderegg

#### **Library Issues**

Conference calls were held with Rescarta Foundation regarding the digitization project. Kinks are being worked out and the program is online and working better. A back up hard drive was purchased with the Kannerwurf Sharpe funds. A copy will be kept in storage for safekeeping.

AT&T has installed the cable and more equipment for the fiber optic project. The project will go live in the near future.

Information was given to board members regarding possible changes to the wireless service. The current OWLSnet wireless network equipment is aging and nearing the end of its supportable lifespan. There will be a cost to replacing the wireless point, however, OWLSnet and NFLS are working on finding funds to defray the cost to individual libraries.

The new hire began on August 11 and is subject to a 90 day probationary period.

July was Summer Family Reading Program month. Families read together, keep track of their reading time, and enter their times for a chance to win a prize. Activities and programs were held during July with 276 people attending family programming. Summer school visits were held for

middle school students who participated in library sponsored science experiments, and family movies were shown on Friday afternoons.

**Programs**

There were 26 programs in July (8 for adults, 12 for families and 6 for children) with a total attendance of 447.

**Other Issues**

Copies of the 2015 approved budget were given to Trustees.

The 2014 Wisconsin Library Association Convention will be held November 5 – 7 in Wisconsin Dells. Moved by Barlow, second by McAninch to send 2 librarians to the convention. Motion Carried.

**Algoma Library Friends**

The Algoma Library Friends had a successful book sale. A rummage sale was held after Shanty Days weekend by the Library Friends, including books not sold at the book sale. Funds raised support non-budgeted items for the library.

The next Library Board meeting will be Monday, September 15, 2014 at 4 PM in the library.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by McAninch, and second by Kratz at 4:20 PM. Motion Carried.

Carolyn Wolske, Secretary