

ALGOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of September 15, 2014 Meeting

President Ann Schoenborn called the September 15, 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 September 2014 agenda. Motion Carried.

Motion by Barlow second by Kratz to approve the August 2014 minutes. Motion Carried.

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

Directors Report

Statistics:

People:

3,997 people visits to the library in August 2014

Daily average:160

Circulation:

6,020 items circulated in August 2014

Daily average:241

Internet statistics: 546 internet sessions (396 hours)

Wireless Use: statistics not available

Donations

Memorials were made for the purchase of books in memory of Kal Kalweit and Jeannette Knipfer and music cds for children in memory of Rev Frank Melchoir

Library Issues

AT&T has completed installing the equipment and the Nicolet Federated Library System staff finished the connection for the fiber optic project. There is now a 10Meg fiber optic circuit in the library.

Nicolet staff replaced the Cisco wireless access point with the new Meraki unit. 75% of the cost is paid by NFLS/OWLS and 25% by the library.

The Peninsula Genealogical Society will host a program in the Door County Library on September 25 with an invitation for Algoma now that the Algoma 1873-1923 newspapers are online. Algoma's site will be discussed. Schiesser and Feld-Johnson attended a conference call with John Sarnowski from the Rescarta Foundation on September 16 to work on fine tuning the Algoma site.

40 local teachers attended the Teacher Inservice on August 28. Invitations were sent to all local schools to come to the library and see what the library has to offer to them for the coming school year. This program is sponsored by the Algoma Library Friends.

Programs

There were 11 programs in August (8 for adults, 2 for families and 1 for children) with a total attendance of 144.

Summer Library Program Reports

The theme for 2014 was “Fizz, Boom, Read” which began in June and continued into August. Approximately 1,067 people attended summer library activities.

Reading programs

5K-5th grade: 97 students read for 691 hours.

Middle school students: 53 students (grades 6-8) read 350 hours

49 families read 323 hours together

Adults readers read 338 books.

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Other Issues

Libraries are able to add additional Meraki wireless access points to expand their in-library range at a non-subsidized cost per Meraki point. The library would be responsible for all required cabling and installation costs for the additional point. Schiesser requested a quote from Heartland for an additional access point and board members were given the quoted cost.

The yearly licensing fee for all access points would be covered by OWLSNet.

Moved by Barlow, Second by Lasecki to approve the installation of a second wireless point in the library workroom.

Motion Carried.

Process for replacing the Children’s Librarian position was discussed. Mary Bohman will retire in December 2014.

Algoma Library Friends

The Algoma Library Friends will hold their annual Bake Sale on Friday, October 10 in the Visitor Center from 9am-4pm. Proceeds go to benefit the library. The Shanty Days book sale was discussed.

The next Library Board meeting will be Monday, October 20, 2014 at 4 PM in the library.

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

Carolyn Wolske, Secretary