

ALGOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of March 16, 2015 Meeting

Vice-President Nancy Kratz called the March 16, 2015 meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4 PM. Present: Nancy Kratz, Diana McAninch, Carolyn Wolske, Jim Barlow and Julia Lasecki.

Also Present: Director Rita Schiesser, Jeff Wiswell (4:15)

Excused: Pat Cichon and Ann Schoenborn

Motion by McAninch second by Wolske to approve the March 2015 agenda. All yes Motion Carried.

Motion by Barlow second by Lasecki to approve the February 2015 minutes. All yes Motion Carried.

Motion by Wolske second by McAninch to approve the bills. All yes Motion Carried

Open Forum

None

Directors Report

Statistics:

People:

3,707 people visits to the library in February 2015

Daily average:154

Circulation:

5,821 items circulated in February 2015

Daily average: 243

Internet statistics: 531 internet sessions (305 hours)

Wireless Use: 386 wireless uses (41 per day)

Donations

Memorial donation was given in memory of Marion Romdenne for purchase of books.

Donation was given in honor of Joe and Pat Cichon for purchase of computer apps for children.

Memorial donation was given in memory of Leonard and Olive Cmejla for purchase of books for children and books on disc for adults.

Interest from the Knospe Endowment was received. 90% of the interest is used for the library's 2015 book budget and 10 % remains in the endowment.

Library Issues

An agreement was reached between the Kewaunee County Historical Society and the Algoma Public Library regarding the Heidmann collection.

Schiesser will be attending a meeting in Green Bay on April 6 regarding strategic planning for the Nicolet Federated Library System.

Milwaukee Bucks Read to Achieve report was given to board members. Students read 9,812 pages from January 1 to February 27.

Schiesser discussed “drop-in” library programs, a new reportable section on the State Report. Drop in programs are self-directed activities using materials provided by the library.

A student pursuing a Masters Degree in library science will be spending 120 hours in the library this summer to fulfill her class practicum as part of her Masters program.

Board members received the 2014 annual statistical report.

The library board’s 2014 financial statements were audited in early March.

National Library week will be held April 12 – 18.

Board discussed ways to raise money for specific library needs.

Programs

There were 56 programs in February (4 for adults, 27 for families and 25 for children) with a total attendance of 518.

Other Issues

Jeff Wiswell discussed the water reservoir/boiler issue that involves the city and library boilers. The board encouraged seeking grants and options to evaluate the next step.

Motion by Barlow, second by McAninch, to approve Katie Haasch attend the Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries convention in Wisconsin Rapids, May 6-8. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by McAninch, second by Barlow to renew the Knospe Endowment certificate of deposit for 90 days at Baylake Bank in the hopes that interest rates will be better at that time. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Barlow, second by Wolske to go to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 1c to discuss employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee under the jurisdiction of the particular government body regarding employee recruitment. 4:40 pm

Motion by Barlow, second by McAninch to reconvene to open session. All yes. Motion carried. 4:45 pm

Motion by Barlow, second by McAninch to authorize hiring team to hire recommended candidate, in order of acceptance, upon successful completion of references and background check. All yes motion carried.

Algoma Library Friends

The Algoma Library Friends authorized the purchase of an i-pad for the children’s room and equipment to attach it securely to the wall. The i-pad is for in library use by young children.

The next Library Board meeting will be Monday, April 20, 2015 at 4 PM in the library.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Barlow and second by Lasecki at 4:48 PM.

All yes Motion Carried.
Carolyn Wolske, Secretary