

ALGOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of August 17, 2015 Meeting

President Ann Schoenborn called the August 17, 2015 meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4 PM. Present: Diana McAninch, Carolyn Wolske, Jim Barlow, Pat Cichon, Nancy Kratz and Julia Lasecki

Also Present: Director Rita Schiesser , Cathy Pabich, Mary Goodner, Jeff Wiswell

Public Comment

Kathy Pabich and Mary Goodner from Bird City, Algoma discussed creating a little “Bird Bistro” on the east side of the library building. Bird City would prepare the garden bed in the fall and plant the area with bird friendly garden plants in the spring. Bird City would maintain the garden.

Administrator, Jeff Wiswell asked the board to consider loaning the city’s general fund a portion of the library’s Knospe Endowment. Wiswell said the money would be borrowed until mid-November and then repaid.

Motion by Kratz second by Cichon to approve the August 2015 agenda. All yes Motion Carried.

Motion by Cichon, second by Kratz to approve the July 2015 minutes. All yes Motion Carried

Motion by Barlow, second by Wolske to approve payment of bills All yes Motion Carried

Directors Report

Statistics:

People:

3,196 people visits to the library in July 2015

Daily average: 123

Circulation:

5,588 items circulated in July 2015

Daily average: 215

Internet statistics: 475 internet sessions (373 hours)

Wireless Use: 415 wireless uses (40 per day)

Donations

Memorial donations were received in memory of Herman Neinas and Lee Gorski for the purchase of books.

An anonymous donation was received for the purchase of non-fiction books.

Library Issues

Library intern Melissa Scheck finished her 120 hours in the library in early August. Schiesser completed an evaluation and submitted the report to Melissa’s supervising instructor.

Haasch and Schiesser attended the city’s Ad Hoc healthcare meeting.

A revised quote for the digitization project was given to board members. At the donors request, and approved by the board, the project will include 1924-1960 microfilm.

Library staff weeded outdated books from the collection prior to the August 14 book sale.

Over 50 genealogy requests were filled over the last few months from out of the area.

The 2016 library budget, approved by the board at the July meeting, was forwarded with the 2016 goals/objectives and requested narratives, to city hall staff and city administrator.

The library is the recipient of the 2015 Shanty Days Arts and Craft Show Sponsor Award.

Summer library programs in August: Baby Storytimes, Story Hours, rock painting, reading assistance dog Trooper, ponies and pony care, tie dye t-shirts, guest Storyteller, two programs regarding Alzheimer's disease by Neighbor to Neighbor of Door County, Mac book assistance, and book clubs for adults. Students have until September 11 to turn in their reading sheets and pick up prizes.

Programs

There were 26 programs in July (6 for adults, 15 for families and 5 for children) with a total attendance of 227.

Other Issues

The Wisconsin Library Association Convention will be held November 4-6 in Middleton. Moved by Barlow, Second by McAninch to send two staff members to the convention. All yes, motion carried.

Kewaunee County Library Services Board President, Robert Entringer, presented information about the duties and responsibilities of the library services board. Entringer distributed copies and discussed the 2014 KCLSB annual report.

Schiesser presented the draft library director position description for board discussion.

Algoma Library Friends

Cichon reported that the book sale was not as successful as in past years probably due to the very hot weather.

The Friends will hold a bake sale in October.

Moved by McAninch, second by Kratz to adjourn. All yes, motion carried 5:07 pm

Julia Lasecki, Secretary