

ALGOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD of TRUSTEES

Minutes of January 15, 2007 Meeting

Trustee Merle Colburn acted as President for this meeting due to the excused absence of President Ann Schoenborn and the excused late arrival of Vice President Jane McLaren. Members present: Merle Colburn, Linda DeMeuse, Ron Welch, Pat Cichon and Library Director Rita Schiesser. Also absent (excused): Carolyn Wolske. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM on Monday, January 15, 2007.

The agenda was approved after a motion by Cichon, second by DeMeuse.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved after a motion by Welch, second by DeMeuse.

The bills were approved for payment after a motion by DeMeuse, second by Cichon.

Director's Report:

Library Statistics: Patrons: 3,961 people visited the library in December 2006. Up 404 from December 2005. Daily average: 158

Circulation: 7,475 items circulated in December 2006. Up 576 from December 2005. Daily average: 299

Donations: There were no donations in December 2006.

Building Feasibility Study: Director Schiesser met with City Administrator Romdenne and Mr. Nygaard of Focus on Energy to discuss the possibility of a study for the entire building. Focus on Energy could possibly fund one half of the study, which would bring the cost of the study to approximately \$750 for each of the municipal entities. In anticipation of a feasibility study the library's electrical usage was monitored to get an estimate of the energy consumption in its portion of the building.

Other Issues: Nicolet Federated Library system is currently studying the recent WI Attorney General's opinion regarding confidentiality of library records.

Annual carpet cleaning will be done in January. All tile flooring has been stripped & sealed.

Adult book discussion group will have the honor of this month's book (*Snowflower and the Secret Fan*) author, Lisa See; attend the meeting via speakerphone from Los Angeles. This was accomplished through the efforts of library staff member, Lisa VanAlstine.

The Milwaukee Bucks Read to Succeed program is being offered again this year. Staff member Mary Bohman visited local schools to promote the program to 5th through 8th grades. A note of appreciation was received from the librarian in Luxemburg-Casco Middle School thanking our library for the opportunity to have students participate in the Bucks Challenge. She also said the faculty members are fans of the library and believe the staff does a fantastic job for the community.

There were 17 programs held in December (1 adult; 9 children; 7 family) with a total attendance of 261.

Tyler Sallee has been hired to replace Alyssa Marit as a student library aide.

Algoma Library Friends, with Friends of Kewaunee Library, will present two county residents with a \$500 scholarship each.

February Agenda Items include Annual State Report; Statement of Public Library System Effectiveness; 2006 Financial Statistics; Feasibility Study.

The meeting was adjourned to 4:50 p.m. on a motion by Welch second by McLaren.

Pat Cichon Secretary