

ALGOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of February 18, 2008 Meeting

Vice President, Jan Dart called the February 18, 2008 meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4 PM. Present: Linda DeMeuse, Carolyn Wolske, Pat Cichon, Jan Dart, Ron Welch, Jane McLaren and Director, Rita Schiesser.
Excused: Ann Schoenborn

Motion by Cichon, second by Wolske to approve the February 2008 agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Cichon, second by DeMeuse to approve the January 2008 minutes. . Motion Carried.

Motion by Cichon, second by Wolske to approve the bills. Motion Carried

Directors Report

Statistics:

People: 4,451 people visited the library in January 2008

Daily average: 171

Circulation: 9,368 items circulated in January 2008

Daily average: 360

The library's 2007 circulation statistics were distributed and discussed.

People: 51,915 people visited the library in 2007. Daily average: 170

Circulation: 100,145 items circulated in 2007. Daily average: 328

Donations

\$10 was donated in memory of Mary Ann Gohr for purchase of a music CD.

Library Issues

The library received \$3,847.70 as its share from the Sid Knudsen Fund. The money is part of the library's operating budget.

The library's annual report has been completed and distributed to the Library Board and City Council members.

2007 year-end financial report was distributed to Board members.

Rita Schiesser and Lisa VanAlstine completed a Microsoft Excel online class offered through the University of Wisconsin – Madison School of Library and Information Studies. The class was offered free to library staff as part of a Bill and Melinda Gates grant.

Board members were urged to participate in a survey, conducted by NorthStar Economics, to study the economic impact of public libraries in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is sponsoring the survey and library users and non-users are encouraged to participate.

Youth from the Algoma High School submitted two video ads promoting InfoSoup in a YouTube contest held by OWLS in January.

Building Issues

The library's automatic (ADA) door has been repaired.

A leak in a heating pipe has been patched until the weather permits repairs to be completed.

The library's carpet has been cleaned.

Programs

There were 36 programs in January 2008 with a total attendance of 591.

Other Library Issues

Annual State Report: This report was presented and reviewed by the Trustees. The report was accepted on a motion by McLaren, second by Wolske. Motion carried. Report signed.

Public Library System Effectiveness: This report was presented and accepted on a motion by DeMeuse, second by Cichon. Motion carried. Report signed.

Library Legislative Day report was presented by Jane McLaren with the emphasis on promoting libraries.

Algoma Library Friends

The Friends have requested a wish list for the library and are planning to identify all donated items in the library.

March Agenda Items

Goals and Objectives for Trustee inspection and these will be an action item in April.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM on a motion by Cichon, second by McLaren. Motion Carried

Next meeting will be Monday, March 17, 2008 at 4 PM.

Linda DeMeuse
Secretary