

ALGOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of January 21, 2008 Meeting

Vice President, Jan Dart called the January 21, 2008 meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4 PM. Present: Linda DeMeuse, Carolyn Wolske, Pat Cichon, Jan Dart and Director, Rita Schiesser. Excused: Ron Welch, Ann Schoenborn and Jane McLaren.

The January 2008 agenda was amended to present the 2007 Library Circulation report in February. Motion by DeMeuse, second by Cichon to amend the agenda. Motion Carried.

Motion by Cichon, second by Wolske to approve the December 2007 minutes. . Motion Carried.

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

Directors Report

Statistics:

People: 3,718 people visited the library in December 2007

Daily average: 155

Circulation: 7,320 items circulated in December 2007

Daily average: 305

Donations

\$500 was donated toward purchase of a dedicated computer for microfilm machine.

\$140 was donated toward purchase of books on disc.

\$325 was donated for purchase of books.

\$25 was donated for purchase of magazines.

\$25 was donated for purchase of library materials.

The Algoma School District donated a second copy of Rosetta Stone language learning software to the library to support ESL students and adults in our community.

Library Issues

The library will be receiving a laptop computer with three levels of Rosetta Stone (for English Language Learners) to be used in the library by tutors and students involved with the Literacy Partners of Kewaunee County. The library received the laptop and software through participation in a multi-system LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant.

The two part grant will also allow access to Aurolog, a language learning tool, through InfoSoup. Aurolog is available to the general public for those who wish to learn English, Spanish, French, German or Russian.

Building Issues

Window replacement and caulk/grout work has been completed.

The replacement part for the library's ADA entrance door was defective and will be replaced by LaForce.

Programs

There were 17 programs in December, 2007 with a total attendance of 288.

Other Library Issues

The library received a letter of congratulation from the Shanty Days Endowment Committee. The Committee has designated \$112 from Shanty Days 2007 for the purchase of a bean bag chair for the children's room.

Algoma Library Friends

The Library Friends have purchased two new chairs for the magazine/newspaper reading section.

Director Schiesser is compiling a 2008 wish list.

February agenda items include: 2007 Library Statistics; financial reports; Annual State Report and Library System Effectiveness report.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM on a motion by Wolske, second by Cichon. Motion Carried

Next meeting will be Monday, February 18 at 4 PM.

Linda DeMeuse
Secretary