

ALGOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of March 17, 2008 Meeting

Vice President, Jan Dart called the March 17, 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 March 2008 agenda. Motion carried.

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

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

Directors Report

Statistics:

People: 4,403 people visited the library in February 2008

Daily average: 176

Circulation: 8,608 items circulated in February 2008

Daily average: 344

Donations

\$112 donated by Shanty Days Endowment Committee for purchase of bean bag chair for children's area.

\$500 was donated toward purchase of DVD's.

Library Issues

Library staff installed a "Wish List" link on the library's homepage that is linked to Amazon.com.

The library again offered the Milwaukee Bucks "Read to Succeed" Challenge. Students read to earn a free pass to a Milwaukee Bucks game. Area students read 13,372 pages.

Rita Schiesser and Mary Bohman will be attending the Public Library Association Convention in Minneapolis, March 26 – 29 through a continuing education grant offered by the Nicolet Federated Library System.

The wireless grant has been approved. OWLSNET will be working to install wireless internet service this summer in NFLS and OWLS libraries.

OWLSNET is looking at offering PC Management software to member libraries. The software would be implemented using system funds. Individual libraries would have the option to participate.

In 2007 OWLSNET libraries shared over 650,000 items with member libraries. This is a 27 % increase over 2006.

Programs

There were 34 programs in February 2008 with a total attendance of 496.

Other Library Issues

The Evaluation of 2007 Goals, the Short Range Plan for 2008, and the Long Range Plan for the Algoma Public Library were presented for trustee inspection. This will be an action item in April.

Algoma Library Friends

The Algoma Library Friends purchased 2 bean bag chairs and a printer for the library. The annual Friends Tea will be held April 27, 2008 at St Agnes Guild Hall at 2 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM on a motion by McLaren, second by Cichon. Motion Carried

Next meeting will be April 21, 2008 at 4 PM.

Linda DeMeuse
Secretary