

ALGOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of August 17, 2009 Meeting

President Ann Schoenborn called the August 17, 2009 meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:00 P.M. Present: Ann Schoenborn, Pat Cichon, Linda DeMeuse, Carolyn Wolske, Jim Barlow, Ron Welch, Jane McLaren and Director Rita Schiesser.

Motion by Cichon second by Wolske to approve the August 2009 agenda. Motion Carried.

Motion by Barlow, second by Welch to approve the July 2009 minutes. Motion Carried.

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

Directors Report

Statistics:

People:

4,545 people visited the library in July 2009

Daily average: 175

Circulation: 8,812 items circulated in July 2009

Daily average: 339

There were 1,272 internet sessions in July 2009

Library Issues

The library's Travelin Tales program was featured on the Nicolet Federated Library's blog page. Travelin Tales is a program popular with families traveling with children. Each child receives a bag of age appropriate library materials and donated items to keep them occupied when traveling. A mother called the library, while on the road, to thank library staff for providing this service.

A thank you was received expressing appreciation for the variety of programs the library offers to the community and commending the staff for their friendliness in making the library a welcoming place.

The library will be participating in a Department of Administration grant to bring fiber optic cable to all school districts and public libraries on the BadgerNet network.

Library staff completed moving the DVD's to a location behind the circulation desk. An inventory will be performed in the Fall.

The Summer Reading Programs are now complete. The library is planning for National Library Card Sign-up Month in September.

A teacher in-service reception is planned for August 26. Teachers from all Algoma schools are invited to visit the library to find out about materials and services available for teacher and student needs.

Programs

There were 12 programs in July (4 for adults and 8 for families) with a total attendance of 262.

Other Issues

Approval was made on a motion by McLaren, second by Barlow to the travel request to the WLA Convention in October.

On a motion by Cichon and a second by Wolske, it was moved to go into closed session pursuant to WISCONSIN STATUTES 19.85 (1c) to discuss employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee under the jurisdiction of the particular government body. Motion carried.

Reconvened to open session pursuant to WISCONSIN STATUTES 19.85 (2) on a motion by Cichon and a second by DeMeuse. Motion carried.

Cichon moved, second by Welch to present the original budget with a 3% wage increase for staff. Roll call vote was taken. McLaren, yes; Schoenborn, no; Wolske, no; Welch, yes; Barlow, no; Cichon, yes; DeMeuse, no. Motion defeated.

Jane McLaren moved to present the original budget with a 2% wage increase for staff. No second.

Wolske moved to present the original budget with a 1.5% wage increase for staff. No second.

On a motion by Barlow and a second by DeMeuse the budget was tabled until a Special Meeting on Monday, August 31, 2009 at 4 PM. Motion carried.

The Algoma Library Friends held a very successful book sale on Shanty Days.

September agenda items include the Summer Library Report.

Special Meeting will be held on August 31, 2009 at 4 PM.

Next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 4 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM on a motion by Welch, second by Wolske. Motion carried.

Linda DeMeuse, Secretary