

Algoma Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2016

Members Present: Director Amanda Burns
James Barlow
Diana McAninch
Nancy Kratz
Carolyn Wolske
Julia Lasecki

Members Excused: Ann Schoenborn
Pat Cichon

The March 21, 2016 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was called to order by Vice President, Nancy Kratz, at 4:00pm. A motion to approve the agenda was made by James Barlow, seconded by Carolyn Wolske, motion carried. There was no public input. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2016 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was made by Diana McAninch, seconded by Carolyn Wolske, motion carried.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT: No Friends were present at the meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Amanda Burns reported while the radiator in the Children's department has been fixed, the radiator behind the circulation desk is dead. Energy Control & Design is preparing a quote for a new one.

While the librarians had been looking forward to getting Windows 10 on all the computers OWLS has decided not to upgrade most computers. There have been too many problems with the ones that have been upgraded already. They would rather wait until all the bugs get fixed.

Amanda updated the board on the new Wisconsin Statute that allows libraries to use Collection Agencies. This is not something any library is doing right away, Amanda just wanted to make sure the board was aware of the ruling.

Going along with the reasons the new collection agency statute has happen is due to privacy laws. Amanda spent time explaining how privacy laws affect libraries and why we are enforcing the policy that patrons must have their library cards with them to check items out.

On happier notes, the DVD relabeling is halfway complete and patrons are enjoying being able to search by title and the new website is complete. We are just waiting on NFLS to make it live. Amanda will set up the projector and show the site off at the next meeting. A new student aide has been hired and has started work at the library. So far all the staff have enjoyed working with her.

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Amanda also told the board about the National Library Week events. National Library Week is April 10-16, 2016 and is a time to celebrate libraries. This year Algoma is focusing on getting people back into the library by having Amnesty Week and Food for Fines. During National Library Week patrons can return items (even long overdue) and we will not ask any question, just remove the fines for them. They can also pay off any existing fines (except for billed/damaged/lost items) by bringing in nonperishable food items. Each item brought in will count as \$1.00 off their fine and all food will be donated to the local food pantry. Advertising has already started.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Amanda presented the revenues and disbursements to the Library Board.

LIBRARY BILLS: A motion to approve the March 2016 expenditures was made by James Barlow, seconded by Julia Lasecki, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Amanda presented the annual report data to the board. This is the same data sent to the state but is easier to read. This report will be put on the library website for others to see.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

ADJORN: A motion to adjourn was made by James Barlow, seconded by Nancy Kratz, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:36pm. The next meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees will be Monday, April 18, 2016 at 4:00pm in the Library Meeting Room.

Minutes Recorded by Julia Lasecki
Minutes Written by Amanda Burns
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