

Algoma Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2025 – 4PM

406 Fremont St, Algoma WI 54201

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Members Present: Director Cathy Kolbeck, Lila Schlorf, Midge Swedberg, Diana Vlies, Braelyn Dempsey, Sue Hass

Also Present: Mayor Steve Lautenbach, City Administrator Matt Murphy

Members Excused: Linda Sherman, Nicole Meverden

The January 20, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was called to order by Diana Vlies at 4:00pm. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Midge Swedberg, seconded by Sue Hass. Motion carried.

Public Input: None

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was made by Braelyn Dempsey, seconded by Midge Swedberg. Motion carried.

Friends of the Library Report: Sue Hass provided an update on the Library Friends and the Book Corner. Sue reminded the board that the Friends have changed the Library Friends membership to a \$10 a month yearly membership to run from January to December. Sue also mentioned that the Book Corner is having trouble with its signs, both with one going missing and with storing them properly when not in use.

Directors Report: Director Cathy Kolbeck gave an update on some upcoming library programs:

- Storytimes continue on Tuesdays at 10:30am
- Tuesday, January 21, 1pm – Bookworms Book Club
- Wednesday, January 22, 3pm – Virtual Reality Games
- Thursday, January 23, 3:30pm – Slime Time at the Library
- Friday, January 24, 3pm – After School Movie
- Saturday, February 1, 1pm – Chinese Brush Painting
- Thursday, February 15 3pm – Steam Challenge with balloon powered cars.
- During the month of February, passive programs will include Collaborative Heart Mural, Valentine’s Day Scavenger Hunt, and Pokémon Trivia
- Staff are starting to plan our Summer Reading Program - the theme this year is Color Our World

Danielle from the Brown County Library and Hannah from Nicolet Federated Library System will be at the library Thursday morning to talk to us about JobPod. They will go over different updates and answer any questions library staff might have.

Library staff had to address an issue with one of the after-school children. Cathy mentioned that while the small group of children that come to the library after school are mostly well-behaved, our Children’s Behavior Policy is a great tool for making sure that the library remains a welcoming place for everyone.

Treasurer’s Report: Revenues and disbursements were presented to the Library Board.

Library Bills: A motion to approve the January expenditures was made by Sue Hass, seconded by Braelyn Dempsey. Motion carried.

Old Business: Discussion of New Library Building & Move.

Cathy informed the library board that they are still awaiting designs and cost estimates from Bayland Buildings which should be available for city staff to look at later this week. A few questions concerning the new building were discussed but decided that seeing the plans are essential in guiding future discussions and decisions.

New Business: A motion to approve the 2025 NFLS Library Services Grant application to be used for enhancing the Overdrive digital collection of high-demand e-materials by participating in the statewide buying pool through OWLS was made by Braelyn Dempsey, seconded by Diana Vlies. Motion carried.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Braelyn Dempsey, seconded by Sue Hass. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm. The next meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees will be Monday, February 17, 2025 at 4:00pm.

Minutes Recorded by Lila Schlorf
Written by Cathy Kolbeck
January 21, 2025