

Algoma Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2025 – 4PM
406 Fremont St, Algoma WI 54201
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Members Present: Director Cathy Kolbeck, Midge Swedberg, Diana Vlies, Braelyn Dempsey, Nicole Meverden

Members Excused: Linda Sherman, Sue Hass, Lila Schlorf

March 17, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was called to order by Nicole Meverden at 4:00pm. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Midge Swedberg, seconded by Braelyn Dempsey, Motion carried.

Public Input: None

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was made by Midge Swedberg, seconded by Diana Vlies. Motion carried.

Friends of the Library Report: The Library Friends will be holding their election of officers in May. The nominating Committee is looking for a secretary. The Book Corner will be holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt in April. Braelyn inquired whether the Library Friends had considered rescheduling their meetings to a later time, as the current 10:00 AM meeting may deter potential new members, given their efforts to recruit additional members. Cathy will bring this up at the next Library Board meeting.

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

- Monday, March 24, 3:30pm – Teen Art Club
- Saturday, April 5, 11:00am – Book Binding with Anna
- Saturday, April 12, 12:00pm – Chinese Brush Painting
- Monday, April 14, 3:30pm – Peeps House Decorating
- Thursday, April 17, 3:30pm – Peeps Taste Testing
- Friday, April 18, 1pm – Easter Egg Hunt
- As always, all information can be found in the newsletter, on the library's website, and on Facebook.

Nicole inquired about additional details regarding the library's book clubs. Cathy provided the following information: The Bookworms Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM. In this club, members read the same book and gather to discuss it. The Books & Brews Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM. Members of this group

discuss whatever book they are currently reading. The location for Books & Brews changes each month. Next month it will be held at Homestead Kitchen & Tap.

Cathy informed the board that the library was awarded the Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small & Rural Communities grant for \$10,000. We had initially applied last year with the hope of having more clarity on the library's future location. Given the ongoing uncertainty, she reached out to ALA for guidance. ALA advised that the library should accept the grant and proceed under the assumption that it will remain in its current location unless informed otherwise. Additionally, ALA noted that the project will not begin immediately, as a community conversation must first take place. This discussion will help determine whether to focus on the originally intended project (accessible bathroom) or consider a project that could be moved if the library relocates.

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

Library Bills: A motion to approve the March expenditures was made by Braelyn Dempsey, seconded by Diana Vlies. Motion carried.

Old Business: Discussion of New Library Building & Move.

No discussion as there is no news yet.

New Business: 2025 Policy Review Reading #1: No changes were suggested for the Personnel Policies. Changes were suggested for general library policies. All suggested changes were reviewed and questions answered.

Nic-Con 2025 – Braelyn Dempsey moved, seconded by Diana Vlies that the library close on Thursday, September 25 so all staff can attend NicCon, an annual fall library conference sponsored by Nicolet Federated Library System to be held in Green Bay.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Midge Swedberg seconded by Braelyn Dempsey. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:27pm. The next meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees will be Monday, April 21, 2025 at 4:00pm.

Minutes Written by Cathy Kolbeck
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