

Algoma Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2021

Members Present: Director Cathy Kolbeck, Ann Schoenborn, Nicole Meverden, Lila Schlorf, Leah Pierquet, Diana McAninch, Katie Strutz, Sue Hass

The September 20, 2021 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was called to order by Ann Schoenborn, at 4:00pm. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Lila Schlorf, seconded by Diana McAninch, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was made by Nicole Meverden, seconded by Sue Hass, motion carried.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT: Sue Hass reported that the Book Corner has now been open for four years. Also, the Library Friends will not be hosting their annual Bake Sale in October, but will be working on other fundraisers in its place.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Cathy gave an update on library programming. Some highlights include:

- Memory Café has resumed in the library. This is a once a month in person program, held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00am, and in cooperation with the ADRC.
- Adult Creative Writing workshop began in person again. This program will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1pm.
- September 30th we have instructor, Erin LaBonte – cofounder of Yonder in Algoma, leading a group of Adults painting of Van Goh's *Starry Night* on Thursday evening at 6pm at the Algoma Youth Club. At this time sign up is full.
- October 8th at 1pm, Virginia Feld Johnson, will discuss her latest book, "When the Night Rained Fire". This event will be held in the Council Chambers.

Now that school has started back up, we have continued much of our outreach. The students from Pathfinders Academy will be coming over every other week to meet with Braelyn leading conversations on current events. Diana is currently doing a storytime once a week for the Kindergarten classes from the public school and working with other teachers for more opportunities to collaborate. Katie will be offering Escape Rooms to St. Mary's school in the future as well. We are happy to once again be offering our resources to our local schools.

Diana and Braelyn have just begun their last course for their library certification. This will run through December.

The Wisconsin Library Association conference will be held in Green Bay from November 16-19. Cathy plans on having all staff attend at some point since it is so close this year.

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Our Digitization Project is getting closer to completion. We have now received all of our data on a hard drive and are ready to have it installed on the server to be available to our patrons. This is done in collaboration with the local High School and will take some time to do. We do not have a timeline of completion.

TREASURERS REPORT: Revenues and disbursements were presented to the Library Board.

LIBRARY BILLS: A motion to approve the September expenditures was made by Diana McAninch, seconded by Sue Hass, motion carried

OLD BUSINESS: The board was given a quick update on the budget process.

NEW BUSINESS: 2022 Library days Closed presented to the board. A motion to approve the 2022 Library days closed was made by Nicole Meverden, seconded by Leah Pierquet, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Lila Schlorf, seconded by Diana McAninch to go into closed session pursuant to: Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Motion passed. Entered closed session at 4:20pm.

OPEN SESSION: A motion was made by Leah Pierquet and seconded by Nicole Meverden to return to open session at 4:45pm, motion passed. No action was taken as a result of closed session.

ADJORN: A motion to adjourn was made by Diana McAninch, seconded by Lila Schlorf. Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm. The next meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees will be Monday, October 18, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Minutes Recorded by Lila Schlorf
Minutes Written by Cathy Kolbeck
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