

Algoma Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2022

Members Present: Director Cathy Kolbeck, Nicole Meverden, Sue Hass, Katie Strutz, Diana McAninch, Midge Swedberg

Members Excused: Lila Schlorf, Lin Sherman

The September 19, 2022 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 Sue Hass, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was made by Diana McAninch, seconded by Sue Hass, motion carried.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT: Sue Hass gave an update on the Library Friends and the Book Corner. The Library Friends will hold their annual bake sale on Friday, October 7th at the Algoma Visitor Center. The Friends are also planning a volunteer appreciation dinner to be held on November 5th.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Cathy gave an update on library programming: September has brought back much of our regular scheduled programming and there is a lot planned for September.

Lego Club resumed. Lego Club will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 3-4pm.

Regular Storytimes have also resumed. Storytime for babies and toddlers will be held on Tuesdays at 10am and Story Hour for preschool ages on Fridays at 10am.

After school movies also returned in September. These after school movies will be held twice a month on Fridays at 3pm.

Lunch and Movie is back– we'll do these about once a month/for adults

This Wednesday we will have a Stranger Things Escape Room. This family friendly escape room is aimed for those 9 and up. Escape Rooms run on the hour starting at 3 pm.

September 22nd is the Autumnal Equinox. From 2 PM - 4 PM we'll have different crafts and activities, and learn a little about how different cultures celebrate it around the world.

Scarecrow Craft Kit for Kids on Wednesday September 28.

New book club starting on Thursday September 29th at 4pm. This book club is for Teens and adults focusing on Young Adult titles.

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Bug Tussel had a representative here earlier this month for a Facebook for Beginners Class. They will be here on October 4th at 2pm for Tech Help. People can drop in to get one-on-one help with their questions about computers, internet, email, social media, your device, or other technology. Then on November 1st they'll hold a Smartphone Basics class.

We're also planning a Halloween Party along with the Girl Scouts to be held in October 27th from 5pm-6pm.

We received funding from the Nicolet Federated Library System for their Library Improvement and Innovation Grant to purchase 8 Launchpads. Launchpads are tablets for children that are pre-loaded with educational apps and games which cover a wide range of educational levels and subject areas.

Katie and Cathy will be attending the Wisconsin Library Association Conference in Late Geneva in November.

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

LIBRARY BILLS: A motion to approve the September expenditures was made by Sue Hass, seconded by Katie Strutz, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Budget Update: Cathy updated the board on the libraries budget and where the city is in the budget planning.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of Playaway Launchpad Lending Policy. A motion to approve the Lending Policy was made by Sue Hass, seconded by Katie Strutz. Motion carried.

ADJORN: A motion to adjourn was made by Katie Strutz, seconded by Midge Swedberg. Meeting adjourned at 4:22pm. The next meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees will be Monday, October 17, 2022 at 4:00pm.

Minutes Recorded by Diana McAninch
Minutes Written by Cathy Kolbeck
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