

SURING AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 23, 2019

Members present: Director-Jill Trochta
 Village of Suring-Helen Miller, Joe Wicker
 Town of Maple Valley-Joyce Fifield, Lowell Suring
 Town of How-Theresa Zahn, Ruben Rakow
 Town of Bagley-Barb Truttman, Joann Ratajczyk

The April 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Suring Area Public Library was called to order by Board President, Theresa, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Barb Truttman, seconded by Joann Ratajczyk, and carried. A motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting was made by Joe Wicker, seconded by Ruben Rakow, and carried.

Mary Smith, agriculture teacher at Suring School, shared with the Board her students' ideas for gardens next to the library. The students chose pollinator plants, perennials, grasses, etc., and will plant and maintain the gardens. She received a grant from the National FFA for expenses.

FRIENDS REPORT: The Friends annual rummage sale will be April 25-27 and May 2-4 at the Town of How Community Building. The Friends hosted a Wine and Chocolate event on April 12. There were 30 people in attendance and several people signed up to join the Friends.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jill Trochta reported that she will attend the meeting of the Suring Village Board in May to give information about the library. She will go to Woodlands Nursing Home on April 29. On May 7, she will attend a joint meeting of the Oconto County Library Services Board and the Oconto County Board to discuss library funding.

Programming-On April 17, twelve people attended a Manure and Water Quality event. Movies showing soon will be "Green Book" on April 25 and "Aquaman" in May. A pallet painting event will take place in May. Ongoing monthly events are Maker Mondays, Hook and Knit, Book Clubs, and Preschool Story time. Sponsor letters went out in April for Summer Library Program.

The Long Range Planning Committee met prior to the Board meeting. They discussed strengths, weaknesses, and challenges of our library. Areas they identified as possible improvements to the library were being open more hours, possibly Saturdays and one evening a week, new signage inside the library, and more collaboration with Suring School.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the petty cash report, revenues and expenditures, and vouchers. A motion to approve the payment of April bills was made by Barb Truttman, seconded by Helen Miller, and carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The new WiFi equipment to allow 24 hour public access to the internet will arrive soon. John Kronenburg from the Nicolet Federated Library System will install the equipment at no additional cost to the library.

NEW BUSINESS: Newspaper Subscription-Jill recommended and the Board agreed to discontinue ordering the Green Bay Press Gazette because of high cost and lack of patron usage.

NEW Credit Union-A motion to close the library accounts at Huntington Bank and open new accounts at NEW Credit Union was made by Ruben Rakow, seconded by Helen Miller, and carried.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Barb Truttman, seconded by Ruben Rakow, and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Joyce Fifield, Secretary
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