

SURING AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
October 23, 2018

Members present:     Director-Jill Trochta  
                          Village of Suring-Helen Miller, Joe Wicker  
                          Town of Maple Valley-Joyce Fifield  
                          Town of How-Theresa Zahn, Ruben Rakow  
                          Town of Bagley-Barb Truttman  
                          Town of Breed-Marybeth Ascher, Bette Elbe  
                          Suring School District-Kelly Casper

The October 2018 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Suring Area Public Library was called to order by Board President, Theresa Zahn, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ruben Rakow, seconded by Helen Miller, and carried. A motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting was made by Joe Wicker, seconded by Barb Truttman, and carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Jill Trochta reported that she attended the ARSL Conference in Springfield, IL, September 12-15. She attended eight sessions relating to how small rural libraries can do big things to help their patrons and communities. In programming she reported that the Oconto County Reads event with speaker Patricia Skalka was attended by 25-30 people. The Halloween Party will be at Red Maple Golf Course on Saturday, October 27. The Friends and Thrivent have purchased kids' books to distribute. Kids Fall/Halloween make and take crafts will take place the week of October 22-26 in the library. Storytime participants will take a trip to Delzer's Pumpkin Patch on October 30. Halloween movies have been shown in October, and on October 29, a vacation day from school. Knit and Hook will resume meeting on the first and third Thursdays of the month. The library had its annual Friends Appreciation Dinner on October 1 with 25 people attending. The library will be purchasing a desktop computer to replace one of the older public computers at the beginning of next year.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** The long range planning committee will meet at 4:00 before the November meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Essentials 22-24 were discussed. These address freedom of expression, challenges to materials and policies, and Library Friends groups. There was discussion about the possibility of the Director and staff touring other libraries to get new ideas for the SAPL. The Board supported the idea if it can be done without closing during the library's regular hours.

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

Respectfully submitted  
Joyce Fifield, Secretary  
Suring Area Public Library Board of Trustees  
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