

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Minutes
September 17, 2024

President David Reed called the September meeting of the Streator Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present were board members Sandy Austin, Marc Cheffer, Jane Farero, Spencer Lawrence, Darcy Mollo, David Reed, and Jack Schuler, and Library Director Melissa Badger.

Board members Ellen Vogel and Gary Wheeler were absent.

GUEST SPEAKER

A representative of Lauterback & Amen explained the services the firm provides to the library.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the August board meeting. Motion by Marc Cheffer to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Spencer Lawrence. Motion passed by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial report ending August 31, 2024 prepared by Lauterbach & Amen was presented. Motion by Jane Farero to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Darcy Mollo. Motion passed by voice vote.

No bills were presented for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence presented.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dakota Roman has been hired to fill the vacant tech services position.

65 individuals attended the Hogwarts program on September 7th.

Director Badger and a staff member attended the Streetscapes Committee meeting. They are now members of the committee. Plans for a Fall Art Expo were discussed.

ComEd has approved the library's lighting plan for the second floor stacks. Contracts have been signed and work will begin in October.

6 area electricians have been contacted requesting bids on replacing the lighting below the dome.

15 people attended the August Job Search program.

Director Badger presentation to Kiwanis on September 12 resulted in a donation to the Friends of the Library for Halloween Trick or Treat books.

An additional 20 books have been purchased for the library's Spanish collection.

Included in the monthly board packet was the library's monthly program count plus a listing of all library positions and the staff member filling the position.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report was presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds/ No report

Finance/ The committee will be meeting with Director Badger on September 24th to begin work on the 2025 Budget

Policy/ Two new policies to be considered, a Infested Materials Policy and a Service Animal Policy, were explained.

Fund Raising/ The Chamber Drawdown has been rescheduled for November 2, 2024. Consideration of a Quarter Auction as a fund raiser was presented. The committee will be meeting on September 27th to continue with the plans for the Mini Golf Fund Raiser.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ComEd has approved the library's plans for the stacks lighting on the second floor. Work will begin within the next month.

No bids have been returned for the lighting below the dome.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Spencer Lawrence to accept the Infested Materials Policy presented by the Policy Committee. Seconded by Darcy Mollo. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by Spencer Lawrence to accept the Service Animals Policy presented by the Policy Committee. Second by Marc Cheffer. Motion passed by voice vote.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero
Board Secretary