

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Minutes

July 16, 2024

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

Present were board members Jane Farero, Spencer Lawrence, Darcy Mollo, David Reed, Ellen Vogel and Gary Wheeler and Library Director Melissa Badger.

Board members Sandy Austin and Jack Schuler were absent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the June meeting. Motion by Gary Wheeler to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Spencer Lawrence. Motion passed by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial report ending June 30, 2024 prepared by Lauterbach & Amen was presented. Motion by Ellen Vogel to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Spencer Lawrence. Motion passed by voice vote.

Financial Officer Spencer Lawrence suggested a conference call be arranged with Lauterbach & Amen for the September board meeting to review our agreement of services.

No bills were presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

The library received correspondence from the LaSalle County Clerk on information necessary for the annual state library report.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Badger met with ComEd to discuss the replacement of the lights in the upstairs stacks.

The library participated in the Independence Day parade.

Director Badger attended Caffeinate and Connect. She offered the library as a meeting place for the group's monthly meetings.

The check for the Per Capita Grant (\$18,562) has been deposited.

307 individuals have signed up for the Summer Reading Program.

The library has joined the Starved Rock Reading Council.

Director Badger is investigating library membership in Find More Illinois through

RAILS.

The AC in the Sun Room has been repaired.

Director Badger has started a workbook of building repairs and maintenance going back as far as records allow.

Director Badger will be attending the July Delegates 'Meeting.

Security, non-resident cards and programming were discussed at the monthly staff meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Reed reminded the board that the Chamber of Commerce Fund Raiser will be held on September 7th at 6 p.m. Money raised will benefit the Streator Public Library as well as the Chamber.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds/ Proud Electric has not submitted a bid or timetable for the lighting below the dome. Oosterbann does not do lighting and they cannot do the plaster repair until the lighting is completed.

Financial/ No report was given.

Policy/ The Meeting Room Policy was discussed and some changes were suggested. The Committee will review the suggestions and present a revision at the August board meeting.

Fund Raising/ Work has begun on the annual Mini Golf Fund Raiser for January 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Badger will be looking at the cost of replacing the lights after her discussion with ComEd.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Ellen Vogel to keep the minutes of any library executive session from December 2022 through June 2024 closed. Seconded by Spencer Lawrence. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by Spencer Lawrence to continue to offer subscription member cards at \$55 per year. Seconded by Darcy Mollo. Motion passed by voice vote.

Board members can review Serving Our Public on google drive. This needs to be done by the September board meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero
Board Secretary