

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board Minutes
March 19, 2024

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

Present were board member Sandy Austin, Jane Farero, Darcy Mollo, Gail Russell, David Reed, Jack Schuler, Ellen Vogel and Gary Wheeler and Interim Director Melissa Badger. Board member Spencer Lawrence was absent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the February meeting. Motion by Gary Wheeler to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Darcy Mollo. Motion passed by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial report ending February 29, 2024 prepared by Lauterbach & Amen was presented. Motion by Darcy Mollo to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Jack Schuler. Motion passed by voice vote.

The board agreed that money raised at the Mini Golf Fund Raiser can be used at the board's discretion for special projects.

No bills were presented for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Illinois Public Library Annual Report has been filed.

Mr. Oliver has repaired the steps and reinstalled the balusters on the front stairs.

The Seed Library has been set up.

Melissa Badger will now be the Interim Director of the library in keeping with the Succession Plan approved in 2023.

Library Staff Members have submitted their six month goal plans. There plans will be reviewed at future staff meetings.

The Streator Police Department has been notified of the vandalism committed in the Plum Room and the Soderstrom Room by four teens. Clean up has been completed by the library staff.

Interim Director's Report

Over 180 Cards for Kids library cards have been issued in the past month.

Information on Disabled Veteran Cards has been publicized at the VFW and the Masons.

Otis has repaired the elevator.

Five new lockable bulletin boards have been installed at the back and front entrances.

The refurbishing of the front staircase has been completed.

The unemployment claim filed by Aaron Yuknis has been denied.

Former employee Nicolas Moreno has been hired as a substitute to cover unforeseen scheduling gaps.

IVCC student Addison Ramon is volunteering in the Children's Department in March.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no report presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds/ The committee will be developing a punch list of things that need to be address outside the building. Proud Electric may be a source for cleaning the exterior of the library's windows. The Streator Garden Club could be a resource for care of outside plants.

Finance/ Director Badger will meet with the Fund Raising Committee about possible library projects.

Policy/ The committee is reviewing some items in the Borrower's Policies

Fund Raising/ The committee will be meeting with the director on possible projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ellen Vogel to move to executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Darcy Mollo. Motion passed by voice vote. The board moved to Executive Session at 5:03 p.m.

Motion by Ellen Vogel to return to regular session. Seconded by Gail Russell. Motion passed by voice vote. The board returned to regular session at 5:25 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Front staircase work is completed. Some gaps have been noted and will be investigated.

NEW BUSINESS

The board welcomed Melissa Badger as Interim Library Director.

The Director Search Committee presented to the board the notice to be posted in the library's search for a new library director.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero
Board Secretary