

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Board Minutes  
November 19, 2024

President David Reed called the November 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 Ellen Vogel, and Library Director Melissa Badger.

Board members Jack Schuler and Gary Wheeler were absent.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the October board meeting. Motion by Ellen Vogel to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Spencer Lawrence. Motion passed by voice vote.

Secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the November 14, 2024 Special Board Meeting. Motion by Darcy Mollo to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Sandy Austin. Motion passed by voice vote.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report ending October 31, 2024 prepared by Lauterbach & Amen was presented. Motion by Spencer Lawrence to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Ellen Vogel. Motion passed by voice vote.

No bills were presented for payment.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to present.

#### LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Badger attended the PrairieCat Delegates Assembly Meeting.

Director Badger attended the monthly meeting of Caffeinated and Connected.

The library staff has completed the annual sexual harassment training.

300 people attended the library's Dark Circus Haunted House event.

The Friends of the Streator Public Library handed out over 1000 children's books at the Downtown Trick or Treat Event on October 26.

The library has received a \$1000 Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day Mini Grant. The library also held a Ruby Bridges program for St. Michael's third grade class.

The NCAT service program has started.

The library is hosting an Owens job assistance program.

The monthly staff meeting covered a variety of issues including the winter programs.

On November 20, the annual State Elevator Certification Inspection will be done.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Reed informed the board of his encounter with former Library Director Cynthia Maxwell at our local Walmart approximately 2 months ago. At this time Ms. Maxwell informed him that sometime during the early years of her employment at Streator Public Library there was a time when she was underpaid the correct amount due her.

President Reed told her if she felt she was underpaid, she needed to provide documentation for such a claim and present it to the Streator Public Library Board. To date, neither President Reed or the Streator Public Library Board has heard anything more on the matter.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds/ No report presented.

Finance/ The committee will be closing the Money Market account at SOCU and moving the money to First State Bank where the library can secure a higher interest rate.

Policy/ No report presented.

Fund Raising/ The committee continues to finalize donations as well as set-up for the Mini Golf Event on January 31 and February 1, 2025.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Badger presented the budget (\$528,533) for 2025. Motion by Ellen Vogel to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Marc Cheffer. Motion passed by voice vote.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Streator Tourism has contacted the library about placing one of the Silhouette Statues on the library grounds. Motion by Ellen Vogel to accept a Silhouette Statue of Clyde Tombaugh to be installed on library grounds by Streator Tourism. Seconded by Spencer Lawrence. Motion passed by voice vote.

The library board has completed the annual review of Serving The Public 4.0.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero  
Board Secretary