

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board Minutes
October 15, 2024

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

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

Board members Marc Cheffer, Jack Schuler and Ellen Vogel were absent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the September board 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 September 30, 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

The new lights have been installed in the non-fiction stacks. The library received an additional \$1000 ComEd incentive.

The library has partnered with The Elks Club and received a Spotlight Grant which will provide coats for school children.

Computers purchased through the Tech Grant were installed during the staff's service day on October 4th.

Director Badger attended the Streetscapes committee meeting. The organization has expressed an interest in a non-permanent mural for the library.

Director Badger and her staff attended several webinar PUG Day training events.

The Friends of the Streator Public Library has purchased 1270 books to hand out for Downtown Trick or Treat.

The library has received a \$1000 Mini-Grant for the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day.

Director Badger will be attending the Delegates Assembly Meeting on October 30, 2024 in New Lenox.

The monthly staff meeting covered new and/or revised library policies, the haunted house, and the current staff handbook.

Director Badger is looking into a possible service contract with NCAT.

The staff appreciation dinner was enjoyed by the library's employees.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no report presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds/ The lights are installed in the second floor stacks. Requirements relating to this winter's snow removal have been discussed.

Finance/ A budget for 2025 has been drafted. Tax levies need to be to the city before the November board meeting.

Policy/ Nothing from the committee at this time.

Fund Raising/ Letters are ready to go out to the 2025 sponsors. The committee is still working on the Friday night sponsors event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The library still has not received any bids from the letters Director Badger sent to area electrical firms. The bids requested were for the replacement of the lights below the dome murals.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Gary Wheeler to enter an agreement with NCAT to provide rides to patrons who have no other way to get to and from the library with the cost of this agreement not to exceed \$100. Seconded by Sandy Austin. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by Spencer Lawrence for the library to partner with The Elks Club to provide coats for school children through the Spotlight Grant. Seconded by Darcy Mollo. Motion passed by voice vote.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero
Board Secretary