

## STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Board Minutes

May 20, 2025

President David Reed called the May 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, Jack Schuler, and Gary Wheeler, and Library Director Melissa Badger.

Board member Ellen Vogel was absent.

### GUESTS

Justin Proud of Proud Electric brought a sample of a light that could be used below the murals in the dome.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jane Farero, board secretary, presented the minutes of the April 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 April 30, 2025 prepared by Lauterbach & Amen was presented. Motion by Spencer Lawrence to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Darcy Mollo. Motion passed by voice vote.

The board decided to move the funds gained at the Mini Golf Fundraiser from the general fund into a Designated Fund.

No bills were presented for payment.

### CORRESPONDENCE

President Reed read a letter he received from past library director Cynthia Maxwell. In the letter, Ms. Maxwell expressed her belief that she had not been adequately compensated for a pay period while employed by the Streator Public Library.

President Reed contacted Lauterbach & Amen. The company reviewed Ms. Maxwell's pay periods and found that she had been correctly compensated while employed by the library.

A letter will be sent to Ms. Maxwell with the information received from Lauterbach & Amen, stating that the Streator Public Library does not owe Ms. Maxwell for any missed compensation during her employment by the library.

### LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The library participated in the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day event and hosted a Kid's Activity Corner at the Food Truck Festival.

The annual Fire Safety Inspection has been completed.

Director Badger was interviewed by the Museum and Library Services Blog about the library's dome project.

The Basement Book Sale raised over \$150 for the library.

The Friends of the Library sold out of May Baskets. The proceeds for the sale will be used for prizes for the Summer Reading Program.

Director Badger and staff members Maddy Basina and Hannah Rathbun attended the Reading Forward Conference.

An increase in PrairieCat rates was announced at the Delegates Assembly.

Director Badger has completed her annual FOIA and OMA certification.

The Summer Reading Fun Fair Kickoff is scheduled for June 14.

The library is introducing a new "Read Every Day" format for Summer Reading to improve equity and accessibility.

The Streator Chamber of Commerce donated \$1,000 to the library from their Clue Fundraiser.

The library has been approved for a \$2000 Dollar General Literacy Grant that will benefit ESL readers and reluctant readers.

Audio Book Kits purchased for children were explained.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report was presented.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds/ Justin Proud set up a display of possible lights for below the dome.

Financial/No report

Policy/ No report.

Fundraising/ No report

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Need to make a decision on lights before we can get a final bid.

Strategic Planning meeting is set for May 23 at 5p.m.

A setback of 20 feet from the center of the road is required for the type of outdoor sign the library is considering. Bids will need to be obtained for the sign.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The board needs to make a decision about what the library wants to do with the stain glass windows stored by the city.

Motion by Sandy Austin to purchase a maintenance contract for the automatic door at a cost of \$566. Seconded by Marc Cheffer. Motion passed by voice vote.

The board approved Director Badger's vacation days June 24 – 27.

No decision was reached on the lights for the dome.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero  
Board Secretary

