

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Minutes

June 17, 2025

President David Reed called the June 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, Ellen Vogel and Gary Wheeler and Library Director Melissa Badger.

GUESTS

Library staff member Nate Petit-Dieu introduced himself to the board of trustees and explained his duties at the library.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the May 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 May 30, 2025 prepared by Lauterbach & Amen was presented. Motion by Ellen Vogel to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Jack Schuler. Motion passed by voice vote.

No bills were presented for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The library was present at the Eagle 6 Summer Kickoff Event.

Summer Reading sign-up has begun.

Director Badger will be attending Directors University hosted by the Illinois Library Association in August.

Through the "My Library Is..." Grant, the library will be purchasing mobile hotspots to expand digital access.

The Northlawn Junior High Student Council has donated \$250 to support our teen section.

With the success of the summer hour video on Facebook, the library has launched a TikTok account to broaden the library's outreach.

The recent Strategic Planning meeting has led to the formation of committees focused on key priority areas.

The basement water meter has been replaced with an updated unit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Reed has not received a reply to the letter sent to former director Cynthia Maxwell. Tracking the letter has shown that Ms. Maxwell has received the letter that was sent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds/ Chairperson Gary Wheeler has received a revised suggestion from Justin Proud about the lights below the dome murals. A new bid for the suggested change will be sent to the board for approval.

Financial/ Financial Director Spencer Lawrence will continue to look for good rates as the library's CD matures.

Policy/ The committee will be meeting in the near future to establish a policy for the Fabric Station and to review policies related to donations to the library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The library will be finalizing the selection and placement of a digital sign for the library.

The library will investigate to see exactly what stain glass we have stored with the city.

Motion by Gary Wheeler to investigate selling any stain glass that will not be used in some way by the library. Seconded by Ellen Vogel. Motion passed by voice vote with one nye vote.

The library will discuss the lighting below the dome when Justin Proud Electric submits its new bid.

NEW BUSINESS

The board reviewed Director Badger's summary of the Strategic Planning Meeting.

Motion by Gary Wheeler not to require two pieces of mail to renew a subscription library card. Seconded by Spencer Lawrence. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by Ellen Vogel to plan a celebration at the library on Saturday August 30 to highlight Streater's strong labor ties. Seconded by Spencer Lawrence. 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