

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Minutes
November 17, 2020
ZOOM Meeting

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 Jane Farero, Spencer Lawrence, Theresa Lukach, Ellen Park, Dave Reed, Ellen Vogel, and Gary Wheeler and Library Director Cynthia Maxwell.

Board members Ed Brozak and Gloria Gubbels were absent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The monthly treasurer's report was presented. Motion by Ellen Park to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Theresa Lukach. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Endres Endowment is valued at \$95,349.80.

No outstanding bills were presented for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE

PrairieCat is making an attempt to have their employees qualify for IMRF.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The library has been awarded \$3,000 from the Back to Books Grant.

Due to exposure of a staff member, the library will be closed October 20 to October 27.

Friends of the Library provided the books and materials for a virtual storytime . This replaced the traditional book give away for downtown trick or treat.

A staff meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2020.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parma Conservation from Chicago is planning to visit the library to inspect the murals in the rotunda on November 21, 2020 at approximately 11:30 a.m. Board members may stop by the library and observe the evaluation and learn what would be involved in cleaning and repairing the murals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no report presented from Building and Grounds Committee.

The Finance Committee will attempt to meet later this week to review the budget for 2021 and make any adjustments before it is presented to the board for approval.

There was no report from the Fund Raising Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Some progress has been made on the work need to complete the meeting room renovation.

The shingles necessary for the library roof repairs are expected this week. TomKat will do the necessary repairs if the weather permits. A temperature of 55degrees or above is necessary for shingles to adhere properly.

It was decided to table any decision on the removal of the baseboard heaters in the Plumb Room until 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

The final budget proposal will be emailed to board member the first week in December. The budget will be voted upon at the December board meeting.

Director Maxwell request for vacation time was presented. Motion by Spencer Lawrence to grant Director Maxwell vacation time December 21,2020 to January 6, 2021. Seconded by Ellen Park. Motion passed by voice vote.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero
Board Secretary