

## STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Board Minutes

July 15, 2025

President David Reed called the July 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, Darcy Mollo, David Reed, Jack Schuler, and Ellen Vogel and Library Director Melissa Badger.

Board members Spencer Lawrence and Gary Wheeler were absent.

### GUESTS

Library staff member Georgia Zito introduced herself to the board of trustees and explained her duties at the library.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the June board meeting. Motion by Marc Cheffer to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ellen Vogel. Motion passed by voice vote.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial report ending June 30, 2025 prepared by Lauterbach & Amen was presented. Motion by Jack Schuler to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Marc Cheffer. Motion passed by voice vote.

Spencer Lawrence informed the board that a CD would be coming due later this month at SOCU.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Director Badger has been notified the library will be receiving \$734.90 from the estate of Phillip E. Gladfelter.

The Illinois Secretary of State has informed the library they will be receiving a Per Capita Grant for \$18,437.50.

### LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

300 plus individuals have registered for the Summer Reading Program.

The Summer Reading Kick-Off event had approximately 250 attendees.

Director Badger has begun a professional development series offered through the Illinois Library Association.

Over 100 individuals participated in the Tie-Dye program.

Director Badger and Assistant Library Director Tiffany Webster hosted a Bluey in the Park event. Approximately 150 community members visited the event.

The library had a table at the Kid's Corner at Liberty Fest promoting their services and programs.

The men's rest room sink has been repaired and the air conditioning unit in the Sunroom has been serviced and is now fully operational.

John Pomeranke had donated frames he created for the "Did You Know ....Streator" posters to the library

Serving the Public 4.0 has been reviewed by the board.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Reed present board members with new committee assignments for the year. He also provided a review of each board members term on the board.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds/ No report

Finance Committee/ No report

Policy Committee/ Recommended Fabric & Friends Maker Station Policy sent to board members be approved.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Badger has received a bid of \$7200 from Gatza Electrical for the library sign electrical work.

The city is presently storing 7 cartons of stained glass belonging to the library. These cartons need to be opened and the condition of the content needs to be evaluated.

The library is still waiting for an official bid on the dome lights below the murals.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Jack Schuler to continue offering non-resident library cards at the present yearly cost of \$55. Seconded by Darcy Mollo. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by Sandy Austin to allow Director Badger to hire an attorney to develop a 501c3 plan for the library at a cost not to exceed \$2500.

Motion by Ellen Vogel to accept the Policy Committees recommendation for the Fabric & Friends Maker Station. Seconded by Jack Schuler. Motion passed by voice vote.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero  
Board Secretary