

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Minutes

November 21, 2023

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 Sandy Austin, Jane Farero, Gloria Gubbels, David Reed, Gail Russell, and Ellen Vogel and Library Director Cynthia Maxwell.

Board members Darcy Mollo and Gary Wheeler were absent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial report ending October 31, 2023 prepared by Lauterback & Amen was presented. Motion by Spencer Lawrence to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Gail Russell. Motion passed by voice vote.

No bills were presented for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE

The library has received a donation of \$250 to be used toward the repair of the inside stairs.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Repairs to the awning over the back door to the library have been completed by Diversified Sheet Metal.

IDOT has been contacted by the library on the placing of signs on Route 39 and Route 55 noting Streator's Carnegie Library. IDOT referred the library to the county for assistance.

Friends of the Streator Public Library gave away over 950 books during the city's Trick or Treat event on October 28th.

The restoration of the portrait of John Williams by Parma Restoration is finished and ready for pick up.

The final paperwork for the SAT Grant has been submitted and accepted.

Two security cameras have been mounted to the north side of the library building. These cameras cover the parking lot and the back door entry.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no report presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds/ No report

Finance/ No report

Policy/ The committee will be meeting in December to review the library's current Computer and Internet Policy.

Fund Raising/ Fourteen sponsors have committed to supporting the Mini Golf Fund Raiser in January 2024. The committee is working on adjustments to the ramps used for the fund raiser as well as designing gift baskets to be raffled that day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The dome project is done. All paperwork for the SAT Grant has been turned in.

The back door awning has been repaired and now, after many months, the security cameras have been installed that cover the back entry and the library parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Maxwell presented the budget for 2024. The budget will be voted on at the December board meeting.

The board reviewed Serving Our Public Chapters 10-12. At the December board meeting Chapter 13 will be reviewed. This will complete our review for 2023.

Director Maxwell presented the ALA Bill of Rights. The ALA Bill of Rights affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas and the libraries provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. This bill also supports a person's right to use a library and this right should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views. The library needs an ALA Bill of Rights Certification to be eligible for next year's Per Capita Grant. Motion by Gail Russell to adopt the ALA Bill of Rights. Seconded by Ellen Vogel. Motion passed by voice vote.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero
Board Secretary