

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Board Minutes  
June 18, 2024

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, Jane Farero, Darcy Mollo, David Reed, Gail Russell, Jack Schuler, Ellen Vogel and Gary Wheeler and Library Director Melissa Badger.

Board member Spencer Lawrence was absent.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the May meeting. Motion by Gary Wheeler to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ellen Vogel. Motion passed by voice vote.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial report ending May 31, 2024 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

There was no correspondence presented.

#### LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The library will be partnering with Illinois Department of Employment Security, Public Aid and BEST to have a dedicated computer area for job searches as well as educational presentations in the Fall.

Friends of the Library are expanding their volunteering at the library.

Shaw Radio is doing twice a month interviews promoting programs at the library.

SOCU, Tropical Sno, McDonalds, Taco Bell, Caseys and Grand Ridge have made donations to the library for the Summer Reading Program.

Summer Reading has 175 people sign up for the program this year.

Staff members are now wearing lanyards and are taking radios with them on the daily walkthroughs.

The library has received a \$27,500 technology grant from the Illinois Secretary of State.

Director Badger has submitted the paperwork for the annual PerCapita Grant.

Director Badger has submitted paperwork for a T-Mobile Grant.

The library has received an estimate from Oosterbaan for plaster work.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Reed will be checking with The Chamber about the fund raiser planned to support both The Chamber and the library.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds/ The city has provided gravel to improve the area at the entrance to the parking lot north of the library. The library has cleaned out the weeds and spread the gravel in both areas.

Finance/ No report presented.

Policy/ The committee presented the reviewed Bulletin Board Policy and The Meeting Room Policy. There were no changes to the present Bulletin Board Policy. Minor changes were suggested for The Meeting Room Policy.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Badger is waiting for a final bid on the replacement of the lights below the dome.

## NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Gary Wheeler to increase Angela Danko's wage to \$15 per hour. Seconded by Ellen Vogel. Motion passed by voice vote.

Director Badger informed the board on the condition of the lights located in the second floor stacks. Some of the lights are not working and cannot be repaired. The board agreed that the replacement of lights in this area should be included in next year's budget with the replacement to take place in January 2025.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Wreith Farero  
Board Secretary