

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Minutes

August 19, 2025

Vice President Ellen Vogel called the August 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 Jack Schuler, and Ellen Vogel, and Library Director Melissa Badger.

Board members Spencer Lawrence, Darcy Mollo, David Reed and Gary Wheeler were absent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the July board meeting. Motion by Sandy Austin to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Marc Cheffer. Motion passed by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial report ending July 31, 2025 prepared by Lauterbach & Amen was presented. Motion by Jane Farero to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Sandy Austin. Motion passed by voice vote.

No bills were presented for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE

The library has been contacted to see if they would be interested in being part of a Quarter Auction fundraiser.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The awnings have been removed from the south side of the library.

211 of the 307 individuals signed up for Summer Reading completed the program.

Assistant Director Tiffany Webster led the Peoria Women's Club on a tour of the library.

The library has passed the Fire Department inspection.

Director Badger has arranged training for herself and five staff members on the use of Narcan with the LaSalle County Health Department on October 28th.

The library will be closed on September 26th for a staff in-service day.

Director Badger attended a 3-day Directors University hosted by the Illinois Library Association.

The library participated in the Chamber of Commerce's Christmas in July event and took part in a Back-to-School giveaway.

Two billboard spots have been scheduled through the Chamber of Commerce to promote September's Wizard School program and October's Haunted Mansion event.

The library has received \$2,000 from an IEEE Science Kit Grant and the first installment of the \$4000 Rotary Grant.

A community flyer spindle has been placed by the elevator to create a "community hub".

Serving Our Public 4.0 has been replaced with Illinois Public Library Standards. Director Badger will provide a review for board members of two section per meeting.

For a \$300 fee ILA's Fund for Illinois Libraries can help the library set up a 501(3)c.

Trustee Jack Schuler will be presenting a program on Fourth Amendment Rights on August 23; President David Reed has a presentation on John Williams on August 30 and Trustee Darcy Mollo will conduct a class on flower arranging on September 10.

A Staff Appreciation party is planned for August 22.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report was presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds/ No report

Finance/ No report

Policy/ Director Badger proposed an amendment to the library's Financial Policies which would allow her to exceed the monthly spending limit without board approval when necessary to meet grant requirements. The Director will notify the Board President and the Financial Officer of the need to exceed monthly limits in advance.

Fundraising/ Looking ahead to the 2026 Golf Fund Raiser.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Spencer Lawrence will be contacting possible masons for the foundation of a library sign.

Trustees have not had access to the storage area to see the condition of the stained glass.

The library has not received a formal bid for the dome lights.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Jane Farero to elect Marc Cheffer Financial Officer of the Streator Public Library Board. Seconded by Sandy Austin. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by Marc Cheffer to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee on the proposed amendment to the library's Financial Policy. Seconded by Jack Schuler. Motion passed by voice vote.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero
Board Secretary