

STREATOR PUBIC LIBRARY

Board Minutes
January 21, 2020

President Dave Reed called the January board meeting of the Streator Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present were board members Ed Brozak, Jane Farero, Gloria Gubbels, Ellen Park, and Dave Reed and Library Director Cynthia Maxwell.

Board members Spencer Lawrence, Theresa Lukach, Ellen Vogel, and Gary Wheeler were absent.

GUESTS

President Debbie Katcher of the Friends of the Streator Public Library addressed the board on what the "Friends" can do to support the library in their referendum bid.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the December meeting. One correction was noted, Ellen Park was present at the December board meeting. Motion by Ed Brozak to approve the minutes with the necessary correction. Seconded by Ellen Park. Motion passed by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

No bills were presented for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence presented.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The library has received authorization to destroy scheduled documents.

The annual fire extinguisher inspection has been completed.

The library hosted a "Light up Streator" story time.

The library staff enjoyed an evening of bowling and pizza for their annual staff appreciation event.

Bianca Ford has been hired to replace Mary Dorentas.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds member Ed Brozak reported that more information on snow removal options needs to be reviewed before a recommendation can be made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Progress is being made on the meeting room renovation. Installation of ceiling lighting can progress as soon as the projector is received.

Director Maxwell is waiting to hear from our insurance company about roof damage.

NEW BUSINESS

More information is needed on possible options regarding snow removal.

President Reed has been speaking to various organizations about the library's need for added revenue. Major public speaking will be handled by President Reed and Ed Brozak and Ellen Vogel.

Pamphlets are being printed using the bullet points given to the board at the December meeting. Board member Jane Farero requested that staff members be given this information as soon as possible so they are able to answer questions they are being asked by library patrons.

President Reed feels the big push to inform the public on how important it is to pass the library referendum will occur between mid-February and mid-March

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There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero
Board Secretary