

## STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Minutes

August 20, 2019

President Dave Reed called the August 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, Theresa Lukach, Ellen Park, Dave Reed, Ellen Vogel and Gary Wheeler and Library Director Cynthia Maxwell.

Board member Spencer Lawrence was absent.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the July meeting. Motion by Ed Brozak to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ellen Vogel. Motion passed by voice vote.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

The monthly treasurer's report was presented. Motion by Gary Wheeler to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Ed Brozak. Motion passed by voice vote.

Theresa Lukach reported the Endres Endowment is now valued at \$100,319.44.

There were no outstanding bills presented for payment.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Each board member was given a copy of Oosterbaan & Sons Co. bid on the renovation of the library dome. Bid for such a project was \$88,400. There are no plans at this time to undertake this project.

### LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Gas lines have been installed for the air conditioning units.

The library will be hosting a 2020 Census hiring fair. The date of the fair has not been determined.

Monthly story time at Streator Headstart has begun.

The library is providing temporary internet passes for residents of the women's shelter.

The Friends of the Library is working with the library to set up book delivery to Liberty Village residents.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Reed presented each board member with a notebook containing information pertaining to the library and pertinent to library board members.

President Reed will be establishing a referendum strategy committee. Members of the committee will be announced soon.

President Reed has voiced the library board's concern on the lack of progress on the meeting room renovation to Mayor Lansford.

The library has not yet received the \$2,000 promised by the City of Streator to offset the very sharp rise in the cost of the annual audit. Ed Brozak informed the board that there is still information that needs to be provided to the city before the transfer can be made.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Building and Grounds Committee

Ed Brozak provided the board with a handout on the cost of snow removal, grass cutting and landscaping. It appears that the best price is from the company that is currently doing all of these jobs, Three Trees.

Information on the cost of tuck point the library was presented. Otto Baum gave a quote of \$29,925. The board will discuss the matter in greater detail at the September meeting.

### Fund Raising Committee

Ellen Vogel reported that the Fund Raising committee met on July 25, 2019. They are considering a Mystery Dinner as a fund raiser in November.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No progress has occurred on the meeting room renovation. Some slowdown may be due to the necessity of changing the overhead lighting first considered for the project.

## NEW BUSINESS

Director Maxwell is requesting 3 days' vacation sometime in September. Motion by Gloria Gubbels to grant Director Maxwell's request for 3 days' vacation in September. Seconded by Theresa Lukach. Motion passed by voice vote.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero  
Board Secretary