

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Minutes
September 16, 2025

President David Reed called the September 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, Spencer Lawrence, Darcy Mollo, David Reed, Jack Schuler, Ellen Vogel and Gary Wheeler and Library Director Melissa Badger.

GUESTS

Staff members Nichole Close and Travis Oliver introduced themselves to the board and reviewed the positions each held.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board Secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the August board meeting. Motion by Ellen Vogel to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Marc Cheffer. Motion passed by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial report ending August 31, 2025 prepared by Luterbach & Amen was presented. Motion by Marc Cheffer to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Spencer Lawrence. Motion passed by voice vote.

No bills were presented for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE

The library has been presented the Business of the Year for Community Action Award by the Chamber of Commerce. President Dave Reed was awarded the Lifetime of Community Service Award by the Chamber.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Homeschool Event at the library had 35 participants.

15 "fatheads" have been created for patrons with the poster printer and laminator.

The Friends of the Library's "Downtown Trick or Treat" book order has been placed.

The number of attendees at the library's Book Club and Mother Goode Club have increased.

Library staff manned a table at PlutoFest held in the city park.

A number of maintenance issues have been addressed, air filters have been changed and air vents have been cleaned, window leaks in the YA Room have been sealed and the elevator button which was broken has been replaced.

The library has passed the sprinkler system's Backflow inspection.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds/ The library still has not received an official bid from Proud Electric on the cost of the lights selected for below the dome. Gary Wheeler will try to contact the company about such a bid.

Finance/ The necessary changes to the signature cards at financial institutions the library deals with have been changed and now have Marc Cheffer listed as he is the current Financial Officer.

Policy/ No report at this time

Fund Raising/ The committee has met twice to complete the necessary work for the annual Mini Golf Fund Raiser which will be held on January 31 and February 1 of 2026. The sponsor's letter will be completed soon and sent to possible sponsors for the event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Contractors are in place and are now waiting for a date when the outdoor sign is ready so installation can begin.

The seven large pieces of stain glass, which are stored with the City of Streator, need to be uncrated so they can be measured and evaluated. The board will need help with the opening of the crates as they are very heavy and need to have a large area for opening.

A formal bid is needed before the dome light project can move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

The Silhouette of Clyde Tombaugh to be placed on the library's ground is a little larger than life size. It was determined that the board needs to actually see the silhouette before a decision on placement on library ground can be decided. President Reed will investigate when and where the silhouette can be viewed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero
Board Secretary