

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Minutes

October 21, 2025

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

Present were board members: Sandy Austin, March Cheffer, Darcy Mollo, David Reed, Jack Schuler, Ellen Vogel, Gary Wheeler and Library Director Melissa Badger. Absent were board members: Spencer Lawrence and Jane Farero.

GUESTS

Staff Member Dakota Roman introduced herself to the board and reviewed her position. Dakota recently received her Cataloging Certificate and is now one of three staff members with this certificate. Dakota is an online student of SNHU seeking a Creative Writing Degree.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board minutes of the September were presented. 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 September 30 2025 prepared by Lauterback and Amen was presented. The deposit for the Electronic Sign has already been approved. Motion by Gary Wheeler to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Darcy Mollo. Motion passed by voice vote. No bills were presented for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ellen Vogel commended Melissa Badger for the increase in numbers of circulation across the board for the year.

The Library received an Anonymous donation of \$400.00.

Indoor electric is complete for Outdoor Sign, we are waiting for the contractor to move forward.

The Friend's books have arrived for Downtown Trick or Treat.

Local author Tommy Canale presented "Shadow Over Clear Lake" on Saturday, October 18, 2025. 41 adults were in attendance.

Library Director met with fellow Library Directors about Tax Levies and programming.

Library Director explained that Baker and Taylor is not in business any longer, forcing us to source out a new vendor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds - Gary Wheeler mentioned new lights have been found for the Dome area and a bid is forthcoming.

Finance - no report.

Personnel - no report

Policy - no report

Fundraising - Ellen Vogel reported 14 holes have been sponsored for the upcoming Carnegie Challenge Mini Golf Funraiser. We have also received two \$100.00 donations. St. Michael School will bring the student body on Friday, January 30, to play the course as part of their Catholic Schools Week activities for a fee of \$500.00. Ellen Vogel met with former Trustee Gloria Gubbels about obtaining her list for raffles.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Placement of the Silhouette - Gary Wheeler reported that tourism will help determine the best location for the silhouette.

Outdoor Sign - waiting on the contractor.

Stained Glass - the windows are in good shape. Pictures and measurements have been taken and the windows will be placed on Ebay and other Salvage shops for sale. Motion made by Marc Cheffer to sell the windows for \$3,000.00 or best offer at the discretion of the committee. Seconded by Ellen Vogel. Motion carried by voice vote.

Dome Lights - Justin Proud is getting some information and a bid for lights with a dimming feature. Lights could be in the area of \$700.00 each with some additional wiring required.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Levy - Library Director Melissa Badger presented the Tax Levy. After review, we are requesting a 5% increase. Motion to accept the Tax Levy was made by Gary Wheeler. Seconded by Jack Schuler. Motion carried by voice vote.

David Reed explained to the board PPRT.

Budget - Library Director Melissa Badger presented the Budget for 2026, after review by the board, a motion to accept the Budget was made by Gary Wheeler and seconded by Marc Cheffer. Motion carried by voice vote.

Gary Wheeler spoke about moving forward on 501-3C status. An Endowment Board needs to be in place with the following restrictions: 2 current Trustees, 2 former Trustees, and 3 community leaders being named to this board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Mollo