

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting

April 15, 2025

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

Present were board members Marc Cheffer, Jane Farero, Spencer Lawrence, David Reed, Jack Schuler, Ellen Vogel, and Gary Wheeler, and Library Director Melissa Badger.

Board members Sandy Austin and Darcy Mollo were absent.

GUESTS

Alex Kielion from Lauterback & Amen gave a Zoom presentation reviewing the services his company provides the Streator Public Library.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the March 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 March 31, 2025 prepared by Lauterbach & Amen was presented. Motion by Spencer Lawrence to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Marc Cheffer. Motion passed by voice vote.

No bills were presented for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE

Director Badger shared with the board a letter she received for the Secretary of States' office on the Institute of Museum and Library Science.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The library will be partnering with the Streator's USPS office to celebrate the release of the new Goodnight Moon stamp on May 2.

Fifteen class room visits are scheduled for spring.

The annual 3rd grade tour of the library will be May 19.

The library has received a \$2,000 "My Library Is" Grant from RAILS. These funds will be used to expand the library's collection and its resources to better support survivors of domestic abuse.

The library has been awarded \$800 from the Jan Stauber Grant for a Sherlock Holmes themed program series in July.

Through a \$2,000 IEEE Science Kits for Public Libraries Grant, the library will be offering take home STEM kits for hands-on learning.

The Streator Rotary Club has approved funding for our "Fabric & Friends" initiative. Their \$4,000 check will help the library create a dedicated sewing and quilting space.

The elevator flooring has been replaced.

All staff members have reviewed and signed off on the latest updates to the library's employee handbook.

The library is teaming up with ARC to provide a Senior Fair this summer. The Fair will offer information on resources and services tailored to older adults in our community.

The Friends of the Streator Public Library are planning their annual May Day basket sale. Proceeds from the sale go to support the library's Summer Reading Program prizes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no report presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds/ The example of the lights for below the dome are in.

Finance/ No report.

Policy/ No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Justin Proud has submitted a bid of \$26,500 for the purchase and installation of the lights below the dome plus some plaster work in that area.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Badger presented board members with a summary of Serving Our Public 4.0

President Reed has contacted an individual about setting a date and time for a strategic planning session. Board members will be notified as soon as a date is set.

The board is considering an electronic sign to be placed on the library lawn. President Reed will check on any city ordinances pertaining to the placement of such a sign.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero
Board Secretary