

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Board Minutes  
March 18, 2025

President David Reed called the March 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, Darcy Mollo, David Reed, and Jack Schuler.

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

#### GUESTS

Justin Proud showed the board an example of the lights he suggests be used to complete the area below the murals. He feels these lights would highlight the murals and should provide adequate light for the charge desk below.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the February board meeting.

Motion by Darcy Mollo to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Jack Schuler. Motion passed by voice vote.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial report ending February 28, 2025 prepared by Lauterbach & Amen was presented. Motion by Jane Farero to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Marc Cheffer. Motion passed by voice vote.

No bills were presented for payment.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to present.

#### LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Badger attended the Illinois Reading Council Conference in Springfield on March 13 and 14.

The Illinois Library Association has invited Director Badger to be part of the ILA Diversity Committee. She will be attending training for this position in Bloomington on April 10 and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Staff members Maddy Basina and Hannah Rathbum along with Director Badger will be attending the ILA's Reaching Forward North Conference on May 1, 2025 in Rosemont.

The Chamber of Commerce will be Hosting a Clue Fundraiser on April 6, 2025. Part of the proceeds will benefit the library. Director Badger and staff members Tiffany Webster, Nicole Close, and Nate Petit-Dieu will be attending.

37 young people attended the last Laser Tag event.

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party had over 40 people in attendance.

Streator Public Library was the host for March's Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The back door security camera has been updated.

100 new books have been added to the children's board book collection.

Nate Petit-Dieu will be presenting an art program at Woodland School on March 19, 2025.

A library staff member is now presenting a monthly Storytime at Headstart.  
Director Badger has applied for a Sherlock Holmes mini grant.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no report presented.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds/ Justin Proud presented his suggestions for the new lighting below the dome.

Finance/ A CD has been moved from a short-term period to a longer-term period

Policy/ The committee has suggested some changes to the current Employee Handbook.

Fund Raising/ The Chamber of Commerce will be doing a fundraiser on April 6, 2025 which will benefit the Streator Public Library as well as the Chamber.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proud Electric will be presenting a bid for the lighting work below the dome.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Jack Schuler to include all holidays as paid holidays to part time staff.  
Seconded by Marc Cheffer. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by Jane Farero to accept all changes to the present Employee Handbook recommended by the Policy Committee. Seconded by Sandy Austin. Motion passed by voice vote with one no vote.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero  
Board Secretary