

STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Minutes

May 18, 2015

President Brian Kmetz called the May meeting of the Streator Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 6 p.m.

Present were board members Jim Blalock, Jane Farero, Jane Hart, Brian Kmetz, Spencer Lawrence, Theresa Lukach, and Dave Reed and Library Director Cynthia Maxwell.

Board members Gloria Gubbels and Ellen Park were absent.

GUEST COMMENTS

Dr. Carl Soderstrom and architect Natalie Clemens discussed the plans for the renovation of the meeting room and the history room. Architect Clemens brought a number of samples of flooring and wall coverings to show the board. She discussed overall plans for lighting as well as possible furniture selections to make the room suitable for a variety of purposes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board secretary Jane Farero presented the minutes of the April board meeting. Motion by Spencer Lawrence to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Jane Hart. Motion passed by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer Jim Blalock presented the monthly treasurer's report. Motion by Theresa Lukach to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Spencer Lawrence. Motion passed by voice vote.

The February treasurer's report was presented. Motion by Jane Hart to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Spencer Lawrence. Motion passed by voice vote.

No outstanding bills were presented for payment.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Conservation Center will not be available to make an appraisal on the cost to restore the murals in the dome until August. Architect Natalie Clemens may know someone at the Chicago Art Institute who would be able to work on restoring the murals.

The second digital monitor is now mounted and working. Information on the summer reading program as well as other programs offered this summer will be posted.

The library was awarded a certificate of recognition by the local Head Start.

St. Michael's first graders were given a tour of the library. After a story time, a craft project was presented. Bookmarks and information on the summer reading program were given to each student.

The lighting upgrade has been completed on the upper level.

The Friends of the Streator Public Library hosted the Prairie Singers and a book signing by local children's author Julie Stroebel Barichello during National Library Week. Ms. Stroebel Barichello donated \$165 toward the replacement of the shelving in the children's room.

Melvin's Plumbing has finished another phase of the plumbing upgrade at a cost of \$4,930.

PrairieCat's fees for the coming year will be \$7,952.87. This is down from last year's fee of \$10,522.01.

Director Maxwell is making final arrangements for the library's summer reading program. Grand Ridge has donated \$600 to the summer program and \$1,000 for shelving in the children's room.

An individual has completed 66 hours of community service at the library.

Mark Cole has applied Weed and Feed to the library lawn.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no president's report given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Architect Natalie Clemens will incorporate some ideas discussed earlier by various board members when she returns with more suggestions for the meeting room restoration.

NEW BUSINESS'

There will not be an official fund raiser for the children's reading room at this time. The website will let the public know that the library would like to put new shelving in the children's room and that anyone who wishes to donate to that project is free to do so.

It was decided that summer board meetings in June, July, and August will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

The annual Board of Trustees' Workshop will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 9 a.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wreith Farero
Board Secretary