

**STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Chairman Chris Tordrup. Present in addition were Board Members: Linda Pelc and Bob Greenwall. Jill Eller arrived at 7:10. Robert Johnson was absent. Tordrup acknowledged that a copy of the Nebraska Open meeting Law was posted and available for inspection.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

A motion was made by Chris Tordrup, seconded by Bob Greenwall to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2016 meeting. Motion carried: Greenwall: "aye", Tordrup: "aye", Eller: "aye", Pelc: "aye"

Correspondence and Communication

None presented.

Report of Director

Library Director Tidyman presented her report, attached. Librarians have been doing a "hard weed" to remove books following generally accepted "weeding" guidelines. Reviewing books not checked out guides directors to purchase books that are up to date. Volunteers are assisting. Outside improvements have been made as per request for landscaping by the city.

Fewer books were checked out this summer than last which is of concern. The library will plan to transfer Accelerated Reader rights during summer again next year from Cross County Public Schools to promote reading for AR points. There will be not be a Scholastic Company book fair as the Scholastic company stated that our library didn't sell enough books to pay for shipping, etc. Monica is looking into Books Are Fun. The summer reading program was successful and fifty people attended the grand finale tail gate party supplied and served by the Friends of the Library.

Approval of Expenses

The current expenses to date were examined. A motion was made by Bob Greenwall, seconded by Jill Eller, to approve the expenses. Motion carried: Greenwall: "aye", Tordrup: "aye", Eller: "aye", Pelc: "aye"

Unfinished Business

The summer reading program was successful and fifty people attended the grand finale tail gate party

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Monica will be at Parent-Teacher's Conference both nights to promote the library. If a child attends Cross County, the student may have a free library card no matter where they live. She was unable to get into the school earlier to promote the Summer Reading Program so felt that it wasn't sufficiently encouraged. Discussion was held to consider how to better advertise and encourage for better attendance. It was suggested that Monica promote reading by classroom rather than as an assembly or large group.

End of fiscal year purchases: not as much to spend as in years past, Library Guild memberships.

New Business

Bob Greenwall moved and Jill Eller seconded a motion to recommend \$13.23/hr (4% increase) for Monica Tidyman and \$9.27 (3% increase) for Dorinda Brown. Motion carried:

Greenwall: "aye", Tordrup: "aye", Eller: "aye", Pelc: "aye"

Conferences and Workshops

Monica is ready to host CASTL.

Monica and Dorinda would like to attend NLA/NSLA Annual Conference Oct 19-21 in Omaha. Registration fees are already in the budget; they will try to get a scholarship for motel fees if they choose to stay overnight. Approval for attendance moved by Pelc; seconded by Eller; Motion carried: Greenwall: "aye", Tordrup: "aye", Eller: "aye", Pelc: "aye" They will get a sub for their absence.

Adjournment

Bob Greenwall moved; Tordrup seconded a motion to adjourn: Motion carried: Greenwall: "aye", Tordrup: "aye", Eller: "aye", Pelc "aye".

Stromsburg Public Librarians Report

August 2016

Circulation

July 2016- 942 /July 2015-1,234

OverDrive-

July 2016 -121/July 2015-95

July Statistics

Library Visitors-732

Computer Users-103

New OverDrive Users-1

Copy Machine-13

Fax-1

Microfilm-5

Accu-Cut-0

Laminator-0

Wi-fi-36

Materials Added/Deleted in July 2016

Books-54/-160

DVD's-2/

Activities in July 2016:

Summer reading - 26/24/24/18

Book Club - 4

Story Hour – 8

Genealogy Club - 8

Meeting Room

Tutoring Tuesdays and Thursdays

Directors Notes

July was focused on summer reading. Doing the grand finale as a separate event was new this year and I think it went over very well. We appreciated the Friends volunteering help and providing the food.

The Friends have met with a representative from Cornhusker State Industries to develop plans for the archive unit.

We have received the TEI grant application, it's pretty broad so I think we can use it for story time activities and supplies. I think Accelerated Reader is out of our price range and there are some other issues with being a public library and having it.