

**STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

June 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by Chairman Chris Tordrup. Present in addition were Board Members: Sherri Georges, Bob Greenwall, and Jill Eller. Absent was Bob Johnson. 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 Georges, seconded by Tordrup to approve the minutes of the May meeting as corrected. Motion carried with the following votes: Greenwall- "aye," Tordrup- "aye," Georges "aye," Eller, "aye."

Correspondence and Communication

Library Director Tidyman mentioned a letter from the Nebraska Library Commission offering to provide a training session for board members. It was planned to hold this in connection with our July meeting.

Report of the Director

Library Director Tidyman presented her report, attached. She also solicited suggestions from board members for ideas that could be used in a grant application. One suggestion was for help in paying the fee for the accelerated reading program which had been done in connection with the school system.

Approval of Expenses

The current expenses to date were examined. A motion was made by Georges, seconded by Greenwall, to approve the expenses. Motion carried with the following votes: Greenwall- "aye," Eller- "aye," Tordrup- "aye," Georges- "aye,".

Unfinished Business

Chairman Tordrup reported conversing with Russ about progress on the pergolas and updated the board on the status of that project.

The Director presented a draft of proposed policies regarding unattended children in the library. In discussion the board favored these policies with a few suggestions for their refinement. They will be posted and publicized in various ways.

A motion was made by Greenwall, seconded by Eller to approve these policies. Motion carried with the following votes: Greenwall- "aye," Eller- "aye," Tordrup- "aye," Georges- "aye."

The digitizing of county newspapers remains at a standstill pending decisions of the funding source. A copy of last year's action in support of the project was displayed. In discussion, the board indicated that action would still be honored pending final proposal details.

New Business

Bids for landscaping from Faller and Harmony nurseries were displayed and discussed. A motion was made by Georges, seconded by Tordrup to accept the Harmony bid. Motion carried with the following votes: Greenwall- "aye," Tordrup- "aye," Georges "aye," Eller, "aye."

Bids for elevator inspection and maintenance from O'Keefe and Eletech were displayed and discussed. A motion was made by Greenwall, seconded by Georges, to accept the Eletech bid. Motion carried with the following votes: Greenwall- "aye," Tordrup- "aye," Georges "aye," Eller, "aye."

Conferences and Workshops

Monica reported briefly on her attendance at the recent Polk County Libraries meeting and report to the County Commissioners. There will be a CASTL workshop on July 21 in Geneva. A motion was made by Georges, seconded by Tordrup to approve attendance at this meeting. Motion carried with the following votes: Greenwall- "aye," Tordrup- "aye," Georges "aye," Eller, "aye."

Adjournment

Eller moved and Tordrup seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed with the following votes: Georges- "aye," Eller- "aye," Johnson- "aye," Greenwall- "aye," Tordrup- "aye."

Submitted by Bob Greenwall

Stromsburg Public Librarians Report

June 2016

Circulation

May 2016 – 851 / May 2015-848

OverDrive

May 2016-91 / May 2015-97

May 2016 Statistics

Library Visitors-586

Computer Users-111

New OverDrive Users-2

Copy Machine-20

Fax-2

Microfilm-2

Accu-Cut-0

Laminator-0

Materials Added/Deleted in May

Books- 80/-20 (We received our free books from Scholastic, and we've received many useful donations this month.)

Movies-6

Activities in May:

Book Club-2

Preschool Story Hour-6

Geneology-2

Meeting Room

Swedish Festival Committee-5

Lifeguards-4 days

Director's Notes

-Our subscription to Junior Library Guild is still such a great investment. We received 10 free hardback books of our choice for being a loyal customer. This is in addition to the 12 books we receive a year and unlimited orders of backlist books at prices as low as \$5 and \$7. We pay a one-time fee of \$189 – 207.00 depending on which category we subscribe to that year. This year I've chosen the Science Nonfiction Elementary category to give us some new nonfiction.

-The Friends of the Stromsburg Library continue to work on reorganization. They have developed a leadership team and we have met with Cornhusker Industries about plans for the archival unit.

-I, with Philip's help, have been working on a program called "Shelf Shuffler." This is an EXCEL program developed by a Kansas state librarian to aid in arranging libraries. I believe it will help us with making sure our future plans for the archival unit will work.

-Programming for the fall is in the works. Adult programming on housing in Stromsburg, selling your home and more senior computing classes are scheduled.