

**STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

March 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairman Chris Tordrup. Present in addition were Board Members: Sherri Georges, Bob Greenwall, Bob Johnson, and Library Director Monica Tidyman. Tordrup acknowledged that a copy of the Nebraska Open meeting Law was posted and available for inspection. In the absence of written minutes for the last meeting, acceptance was postponed till the next meeting.

Correspondence and communications:

Library Director Tidyman received thanks from Jill Weigel for finding an obituary, and a reminder for the Cancer Survivors Luncheon sponsored by the Polk County Health Department March 30.

Approval of Expenses

The current expenses to date were examined. A motion was made by Georges seconded by Johnson, to approve the expenses. Motion carried with the following votes: Georges-“aye, Johnson- "aye," Greenwall- "aye," Tordrup- “aye.” A report from the Polk County Foundation on funds specified for Stromsburg Library was displayed.

Unfinished Business

City official Lenard Schaefer will guide the replacement process for the library dehumidifier. Chairman Tordrup distributed an estimate of costs for finishing the basement from the architect firm and various options were discussed. The City Council will be consulted regarding what our next steps should be.

Director Tidyman has been in touch with archival experts who have offered to give advice on handling the materials on Dr. Flippin offered by Kathy Nelson. She has also consulted with our insurance agency regarding coverage of these materials. The Friends of the Library are reorganizing to assist with expenses for this project.

New Business

Director Tidyman distributed the annual tentative budget request and guidelines for our consideration next month. She prioritized the repair of the pergolas (columns) at the front entrance for the coming year. She also displayed an example of a folding chair which might be purchased in adequate numbers to accommodate library events and proposed computer equipment purchases

for replacing older equipment. A motion was made by Georges seconded by Greenwall, to approve the purchase of one computer. Motion carried with the following votes: Georges-“aye, Johnson- "aye," Greenwall- "aye," Tordrup- “aye.”

New board member Jill Ellers arrived from another meeting. She will replace Cindi Kutschkau who is moving out of Stromsburg.

Conferences and Workshops

Director Tidyman elaborated on the Advocacy Day Workshop at which she learned of legislative issues, heard an outstanding motivational speaker and toured the Innovation Campus at the old fairgrounds. Stromsburg will host the county librarians’ meeting on March 22.

Adjournment

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

Submitted by Bob Greenwall

Stromsburg Public Librarians Report

March 2016

Circulation

February 2016-716

February 2015-718

OverDrive-146

February 2016 Statistics

Library Visitors-413

Computer Users-75

New OverDrive Users-1

Copy Machine-8

Fax-1

Microfilm-15

Accu-Cut-1

Laminator-1

Wi-fi-22

Materials Added/Deleted in February 2016

Books-41/-34

DVD's-5/-1

Activities in February 2016:

Book Club-8

Genealogy Club-6

Mom's Night Out-3

Movie Matinee-0

Movie Day-0

Story Hour-20

Meeting Room-

-Smorgasbord committee and Swedish Festival Committee

Director's Notes

-The MacBook's are now ready for public use. Jeff Jones assisted with installing some hardware. We really need to look at some sort of a charging station or a central location to put them with access to plug-ins. Glenn Tandy fixed a glitch in Word on my computer that I was dealing with.

-I attended the Advocacy Day held in Lincoln-report in minutes. As well as watched an NCompass Live webinar regarding TechBoomers.com and two webinars that taught how to file forms in the new e-rate portal. -Work on e-rate continues.

-We have had a number of requests for obituaries and newspaper articles, we work on those as we are able. Wendell replaced the dial on the machine as it wasn't working well.

-I've been cleaning in the basement. We have some furniture and bookcases we need to decide if we are going to keep or sell if we move forward with the project.

-Amy Peterson from the Polk County Extension will be presenting two programs for the kids in June as part of our Summer Reading this year.

-We have retained a speaker for Swedish Festival, Karen Gettert Shoemaker, author of the One Book, One Nebraska 2016 selection "The Meaning of Names" will be here.