

**STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**May 16, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M. by Chairman Chris Tordrup. Present in addition were Board Members: Sherri Georges, Bob Greenwall, Bob Johnson, and Library Director Monica Tidyman. Jill Eller arrived after roll call. 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 Johnson seconded by Tordrup to approve the minutes of the April meeting as corrected. Motion carried with the following votes: Johnson-"aye," Greenwall- "aye," Tordrup- "aye," Georges abstaining.

**Correspondence and Communication**

Library Director Tidyman displayed the letter of state aid to the library of \$678. She also passed around several notifications of events for continuing education such as the Norfolk Literature Festival and a document tallying library statistics from the Nebraska Library Commission.

**Report of the Director**

Library Director Tidyman presented her report, attached, and displayed on the large screen TV the online application form for the summer reading program. She also distributed updated copies of library policies. Mulching on the library grounds had again been done as a project of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

**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: Johnson-"aye," Greenwall- "aye," Eller- "aye," Tordrup- "aye."

**Unfinished Business**

Chairman Tordrup reported on his visits with officials of the city and the Fusby estate regarding the finishing of the library basement. Among the points discussed were the facts that though there are other meeting rooms available in the city, the library's would be the only free facility; the present meeting room is too small for existing groups and was originally intended (in the recollection of the architect) as a computer room; and that library programs would benefit from a larger meeting room which the basement would afford.

A motion was made by Greenwall, seconded by Johnson, to rescind the action of the last meeting, "to transfer Fusby fund interest to the building and grounds account" and rather to approve the

renewal of the Fusby CD. Motion carried with the following votes: Johnson-"aye," Greenwall-"aye," Eller- "aye," Tordrup- "aye," Georges abstaining.

Chairman Tordrup detailed his discussion with city officials on landscaping issues. Estimates for the cost of removing native grass plantings and replacement with low-maintenance options will be sought. Improvement to the library sign with the replacement of the plexiglass was noted.

### **New Business**

The Director presented samples of policies other libraries employ with regard to unattended children in their facilities. Board member Eller explained instances in which the school is instructed to transport children to the library after school for excessively long stays, which becomes a problem for the staff. The Director agreed to assemble elements from the policies displayed for board action next time.

The position of board member held by Sherri Georges for an unprecedented eleven years will become open in July. Possible candidates for this position were discussed and will be advanced to the Mayor.

### **Conferences and Workshops**

Monica reported briefly on her attendance at the CASTL meeting in Lincoln which provided information about the services of the Nebraska State Historical Society. She also highlighted the upcoming Polk County Libraries meeting and report to the County Commissioners, who continue to contribute funds to the libraries.

### **Adjournment**

Johnson moved and Eller 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

May 2016

## Circulation

April 2016-547/April 2015-655

OverDrive-

April 2016-111/April 2015-100

## April Statistics

Library Visitors-442

Computer Users-87

New OverDrive Users-1

Copy Machine-11

Fax-7

Microfilm-5

Accu-Cut-0

Laminator-0

Scanner-1

Wi-fi-32

## Materials Added/Deleted in April

Books—32/-3

DVD's-0/-1

## Activities in April:

Other Book Club-3

Preschool Story Hour-25

Book Club-6

Genealogy-3

Senior Computing-7/6/6/7

## Meeting Room-

Festival meeting-6

Chamber After Hours-14

## Director's Notes-

-Planning is taking shape for the summer reading program. We were not able to do a presentation at the school this year, but have sent home flyers and information. We will soon

have a summer reading page on our webpage with all the pertinent times and dates. We will also try online registration this year for those that want to use that forum. Our grand finale will be a tailgate held in the evening on August 2. We hope to get coaches and student athletes from Cross County to participate. The theme this year is "Get Ready, Set, READ!" I would still like to do something with the adult theme of "Exercise Your Mind, READ!" in conjunction with the Two Parks Running Club, if possible. We are also planning to introduce Story Walks to the community by placing one around the library.

-I continue to gather information on all our ongoing projects. The Flippin Archives, the basement project, possible budget items and bids for those.

-The local FCA chapter mulched the landscaping around the library.

-Events such as the Chamber After-Hours meeting and the Senior Computing classes were well-received this past month.