

STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Chairman Chris Tordrup. Present in addition were Board Members: Jill Eller, Bob Greenwall, and Library Director Monica Tidyman. Absent were Bob Johnson and Linda Pelc. 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 Tordrup seconded by Eller to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Motion carried with the following votes: “aye” Greenwall- “aye” Tordrup- “aye,” Eller- “aye.”

Correspondence and Communication

Library Director Tidyman reported receiving a letter of thanks for the post-prom baskets provided by the library. Communication regarding the internship grant led to discussion with city officials about the handling of this grant with regards to the budget process: see below.

Report of the Director

Library Director Tidyman presented her report as distributed. The digitized magazine program, Zinno, was gaining in utilization. Patronage was helped by the Flippin display open house, but down overall from last year. Some behavioral problems with a patron was discussed; advice to be sought from counsel regarding the restricting of access for such patrons. The Director confirmed that students of board member Eller were utilizing the library in increased numbers, in response to that member’s urging. On March 24 there will be a town hall meeting at the library with state senator Kolterman. On March 31 the staff will visit Cross County School to promote the Summer Reading Program at the library. Chairman Tordrup will address lingering problems with the computer service provider.

Approval of Expenses

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

Unfinished Business

Chairman Tordrup reported on the finishing of the library basement. He will supply Miller and Associates, architects, with the food service features and retractable wall as discussed last time. The Director is working on budget preparation for the next meeting. Increases presently appear

inevitable for phone service and continuing education items. The handling of grant funds will require coordination with budget preparation and advice from the city will be sought. In that connection, it was suggested that estate funds which come to the library might be handled through the library foundation, avoiding complications with the city budgeting process.

New Business

No actions recorded under New Business.

Conferences and Workshops

Monica reported plans to attend the Pioneer Area Meeting for libraries in Grand Island on March 30 th . Greenwall moved and Eller seconded a motion to approve the Director's attending this meeting The motion passed with the following votes: Eller-"aye," Greenwall- "aye" ; Tordrup-"aye."

The Polk County Libraries meeting will be hosted here on April 4.

Adjournment

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

Stromsburg Public Librarians Report

March 2017

Circulation

February 2017 – 614/February 2016 - 716

OverDrive - 100

Zinio - 22

February 2017 Statistics

Library Visitors-562

Computer Users-70

New OverDrive Users-4

Copy Machine-10

Fax-3

Microfilm-1

Accu-Cut-0

Laminator-0

Wi-fi-61

Materials Added/Deleted in February 2017

Books-25/-102

DVD's-3

Activities in February 2017:

Other Book Club – 0

Book Club - 10

Genealogy Club-4

Story Hour-20

George Flippin Day - 82

Meeting Room-

Swedish Festival Committee

Friends of the Library

Director's Notes:

-On February 8th, I visited the Cross County 5th graders. We downloaded OverDrive on their iPads and did a brief demo on how to check out books. We seemed to have a few more juvenile titles checked out on OverDrive this month so hopefully they are using it. I also did a presentation on wordless books at the Polk County Christian School on February 27. We worked on creative writing assignments using the books.

-We had approximately 82 people attend the George Flippin Day program on the 11th. Mike Babcock's piece in Hail Varsity! this month was exclusively about the event. York News Times and the Polk County News also covered the event.

-The archive for Big Talk from Small Libraries is still being completed. I will let you know when the recording is available. They had 384 total attendees for the day. There were many enjoyable presentations that I'd recommend, many of them being the 10 minute lightning presentations. Fascinating stories of libraries all over America. **(Update:** I did find videos for Big Talk from Small Libraries on YouTube when I searched NCompassLive. You can also search "Big Talk from Small Libraries 2017." They don't have all the presentations up yet, but some are there. If you do watch any of them remember to report your CE credits on the Nebraska Library Commission website so the board receives credit. Got to "Accreditation/Certification" on the left hand side of the page, then under "Board Certification" go to "Submit CE credits")