

**STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**November 20, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 P.M. by Chairman Bob Johnson. Present in addition were Board Members: Angie Hild, Bob Greenwall, and Library Director Monica Tidyman. Absent were Chris Tordrup and Jill Eller. Johnson acknowledged that a copy of the Nebraska Open meeting Law was posted and available for inspection.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Motion carried with all "ayes."

**Correspondence and Communication**

Library Director Tidyman reported receiving a distribution of the Kjelson funds in the amount of \$5,000. \$1,250 of this amount is to be used to purchase "mystery" books with the remainder unrestricted as to title.

**Report of the Director**

Library Director Tidyman presented her report as distributed. In addition to the statistics for the previous month, she reported that a presentation on the newspaper digitization had been made to the Stromsburg Women's Club along with genealogist Beth Sparrow. Also the library meeting room had been utilized very much last month, including Bible Study, Connie Powell's "Destination Imagination" program, Swedish Festival planning and the York County Extension LEGO club.

**Approval of Expenses**

The current expenses to date were examined. Included was the distribution of \$2,218.37 from the Fusby estate fund to retire the balance of Stromsburg's share of the newspaper digitization project. (the URL for this site is: <http://polkcountyne.advantage-preservation.com/>) Also explained was the expense of restoring WIFI service and the computer network earlier this month.

A motion was made by Greenwall, seconded by Hild, to approve the expenses. Motion carried with the following votes: Greenwall- "aye," Hild- "aye," Johnson- "aye."

**Unfinished Business**

In addition to the earlier comments on the newspaper digitization project, the director reported that a University of Pennsylvania faculty member, Paul Hendrickson, had utilized the website to conduct research for his book on Frank Lloyd Wright. Wright's father had been associated with the Bryant Business College here in the music department and was earlier the subject of research by then library staffer, Kathy Nelson. The story exemplified the value of this internet tool. A list of

other Nebraska localities having similar websites was distributed.

There was an updated discussion of using a bulk mailing to promote the library. The director displayed and explained the U.S. Postal Service procedure for obtaining the best rate for such a mailing... 16 cents per copy if all requirements are met.

### **New Business**

No actions recorded under New Business.

### **Conferences and Workshops**

None reported.

### **Adjournment**

Hild moved and Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed with the following votes: Hild-“aye,” Greenwall- "aye," Johnson-“aye.” Next meeting will be on Dec. 18, 5:00 P.M., a brief one.

-Bob Greenwall, Secretary *pro tem*

# Stromsburg Public Librarians Report

November 2017

## **Circulation-**

October 2017-716/2016-617

**OverDrive**-2017-133/2016-92

## **October 2017 Statistics**

Library Visitors-476

Computer Users-57

New OverDrive Users-0

Copy Machine-11

Fax-2

Microfilm-1

Accu-Cut-3

Laminator-2

Wi-fi-79

## **Materials Added/Deleted in October 2017**

Books-68/-6

DVD's-0/0

## **Activities in October 2017:**

Book Club-6

Genealogy Club-4

Senior Computing-1/2/0/0/cancelled

Story Hour-14

Jane Austen movie -3

## **Meeting Room**

Bible Study

Destination Imagination

Swedish Festival

LEGO Club – York Co Extension

**Director's notes-**

We have received the money set aside for us from the Sally Kjelson fund. Out of the total \$5,000, \$1,250 is set aside for mystery fiction books.