

**STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 23, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairman Bob Johnson. Present in addition were Board Members: Bob Greenwall, Jill Eller, Chris Tordrup and Library Director Monica Tidyman. Angie Hild arrived a few minutes later. 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 (Johnson) and seconded (Eller) to approve the minutes of the November 2018 meeting. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Eller, Johnson, Tordrup). A motion was made (Johnson) and seconded (Hild), to approve the minutes of the December 2018 meeting. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Eller, Johnson, Tordrup, Hild).

**Correspondence and Communication:**

A letter of thanks was received from Marietta McFarland of Crofton, Nebraska, for the large print books. An Overdrive circulation report was also received. The State has notified us that the Stromsburg Library has been certified at the Silver level, up from the Bronze level of last year.

**Report of the Director**

Library Director Tidyman presented her report as distributed. The statistics for the past year show a marked improvement over the previous year in visits and circulation.

**Approval of Expenses**

The current expenses to date were examined. A motion was made by Tordrup, seconded by Greenwall, to approve the expenses. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Eller, Johnson, Tordrup, Hild).

**Unfinished Business**

There was discussion of access to the Fusby funds, particularly for the favored "program" use or for matching funds required by some grant offerings. To be continued. Options for future maintenance of the elevator, recently repaired, were also discussed.

**New Business**

Copies of the colorful annual report to the City were distributed (attached) as planned for January 28. . A motion was made by Tordrup, seconded by Eller, to advance a signed affidavit of approval of the

annual report. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Eller, Johnson, Tordrup, Hild).

In order to facilitate the hiring of a new substitute at the discretion of the Director, the following actions were taken to forward names to the City for such things as background checks: A motion was made by Tordrup, seconded by Greenwall, to enter the name of Christine Jarosz. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Eller, Johnson, Tordrup, Hild). A motion was made by Greenwall, seconded by Tordrup, to enter the name of Sarah Theis. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Eller, Johnson, Tordrup, Hild).

The Director displayed attractive material for an offer from the firm TEI Makerspace, a provider of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) instructional devices, such as the school uses, which libraries can now lease for their junior programs.

Information has been received from our copier supplier outlining a lease and maintenance program for copiers (attached). The relative merits of this option to owning the equipment as is now done , is being evaluated.

### **Conferences and Workshops**

Polk County Libraries will be meeting on January 31 at Shelby with a planned presentation by Rich Pehrson on his homesteader book.

### **Adjournment.**

A motion was made by Tordrup, seconded by Hild, to adjourn. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Eller, Johnson, Tordrup, Hild). The next regular meeting date would be February 18. (Changed to February 20)

# Stromsburg Public Librarians Report

January 2019

## Circulation

December- **2018** – 554 / **2017**- 454

OverDrive- 197

## December Statistics

Library Visitors- **2018**-399 / **2017**-288

Computer Users- 33

New OverDrive Users- 0

Copy Machine- 6

Fax- 2

Microfilm- 0

Accu-Cut- 0

Laminator- 0

Wi-fi- 34

## Materials Added/Deleted in December

Books- 28/-65

DVD's- 10 (large donation)

## Activities in December:

Book Club- 5

Storytime-20

Genealogy Club-cancelled

Early Out – Make Your Own Wrapping Paper – 12

Mazes – 18

Movie Day - 2 (icy)

LEGO Day – 4 (snow)

Game Day – 8

Book Page Craft Day – 9

## Meeting Room

-LEGO Club

Director's Notes:

-The book sale in November netted \$90.75. Leftover books were delivered to Susan's Bookstore in Aurora with much appreciation.

-The state statistical report (Bibliostat) was submitted this week and the next form for E-rate has opened for filing.

- I've been talking with Jim Campain about doing another writer's workshop this summer. The last one was well received and he contacted me about doing another one while he was in town again.