

STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Chairman Chris Tordrup. Present in addition were Board Members: Bob Greenwall, Bob Johnson, Jessica Vorthmann and Library Director Monica Tidyman. Absent was Jill Eller. 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 (Vorthmann) to approve the minutes of the September, 2019 meeting. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Johnson, Tordrup, Vorthmann).

A motion was made (Tordrup) and seconded (Vorthmann) to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019, meeting. Motion carried with "ayes" (Greenwall, Tordrup, Vorthmann; Johnson abstaining).

Correspondence and Communications (none)

Report of the Director

Library Director Tidyman presented her report as distributed. Membership in the Nebraska Library Association will remain suspended. Changes in the library's operating system await the results of a grant application to be submitted soon.

Approval of Expenses

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

Unfinished Business

The elevator service contract discussed last time will remain without change; on a quarterly rather than annual basis. Some examples of electronic library signs from Guthman Signs were displayed; no action taken.

Chairman Tordrup reported that the steering committee for the basement development is nearly complete and he will be distributing details soon.

New Business

Director Tidyman presented a letter from the city describing how the library might make use of credit cards for our clients using their system. Study is ongoing.

A motion was made by Tordrup, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following holiday schedule for library hours: closed the Saturday of Thanksgiving, open from 10 to 12 on Christmas Eve day and open from 10-3 on New Years Eve day. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Vorthmann, Johnson,

Greenwall, Tordrup)

Conferences and Workshops

Polk County Libraries will hold their meeting at Polk, October 22. A motion was made (Tordrup) and seconded (Vorthmann) to authorize the Director's attendance at the CASTL meeting in Geneva on November 15. Motion carried with all "ayes." (Eller, Johnson, Greenwall, Tordrup, Vorthmann).

Adjournment

A motion was made (Vorthmann) and seconded (Johnson) to adjourn. Motion carried with all "ayes." (Johnson, Greenwall, Tordrup, Vorthmann). The next regular meeting date would be December 16 at 5:15 for a brief meeting.

Stromsburg Public Librarians Report

October 2019

Circulation-

September 2019 -680 / 2018 -573

OverDrive - 2019 - 178 /2018 – 144

September Statistics

Library Visitors-408

Computer Users-24

New OverDrive Users-

Copy Machine-8

Fax-3

Microfilm-1

Accu-Cut-2

Laminator-1

Wi-fi-39

Materials Added/Deleted in September

Books-47/ 0

DVD's-3/ 0

Activities in September:

Book Club-5

Story Hour-14/7

Genealogy Club-2

Online Quickbooks – 5

LEGO's - 9

Ready Jet Go! - 3

Librarian Notes:

Notes on NLA Conference:

I attended a session on coding in the library that really helped me to see that we can have a code club without paying for something really expensive. Some ideas I took away were to run it like our LEGO days. Make it more free, less structured. Buy coding robots and other “toys” on sale days from Amazon or other retailers.

I talked with a number of CASTL librarians and explained that distance to the other libraries is what tends to keep me from meetings. We discussed more carpooling ideas to help with mileage.

I talked with Scott Childers more about Nebraska Library Association membership and why it matters. I talked with another librarian who has a membership and we struggled to see what benefits she received that I didn't with no membership.

Something to think about for next fall – the Association for Small and Rural Libraries annual conference will be held in Wichita, KS next year. The Nebraska Library Commission has scholarships available for events like this that we could apply for. This is literally the best conference I have ever attended as every session deals with small library life.

Very worth it to spend the night. I had opportunities both nights to visit and build relationships with librarians from across the state that I would not have had if I had just left after the last session.