

STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 P.M. by Chairman Chris Tordrup. Present in addition were Board Members: Jill Eller, Bob Johnson, Bob Greenwall, Jessica Pallas and Library Director Monica Tidyman. 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 March, 2020, meeting. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Tordrup, Pallas, Eller; Johnson).

Correspondence and Communications Another result of the COVID19 pandemic is that the deadline for board certification has been extended for a year, as has the biennial library certification.

Report of the Director

Library Director Tidyman presented her report as distributed. The Director has sought and received permission to allow admission to one patron at a time to use a computer for important issues (such as application for unemployment compensation.) The library is practicing isolation of returned books for a time, sanitization and reduced handling. Reduced usage Tues. nights and Saturdays has prompted suspending staffing at those times.

Approval of Expenses

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

Unfinished Business

Chairman Tordrup conducted a point by point examination of the proposed budget with discussion of several issues such as: transfer to the Apollo library system, and the bid from Love signs for a proposed electronic LED sign. In light of the expense involved, it was decided to table that issue for now. A motion was made by Greenwall, seconded by Johnson, to approve the budget. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Johnson, Pallas, Eller, Greenwall, Tordrup). A 3% increase in staff wages was moved (Johnson), seconded (Eller) and passed with all "ayes: (Johnson, Pallas, Eller, Greenwall, Tordrup).

New Business

No additional funds from the Fusby funds were to be sought at this time.

Conferences and Workshops Conferences and workshops have been cancelled.

Adjournment A motion was made (Tordrup) and seconded (Eller) to adjourn. Motion carried with all "ayes." (Eller, Johnson, Greenwall, Tordrup, Pallas). The next regular meeting; May 18.

Stromsburg Public Librarians Report

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Circulation

March 2020 – 1308 2019 – 723

OverDrive-

March 2020 – 128 2019 – 123

March Statistics

Library Visitors-357 (down about 100 due to shutdown)

Computer Users-17

New OverDrive Users - 1

Copy Machine-8

Fax-2

Microfilm-0

Accu-Cut-0

Laminator-0

Wi-fi-35

Materials Added/Deleted in March

Books-46/-267

DVD's-4/-0

Activities in March:

Toddler Time -12

Odd Squad PBS-6

COVID-19 shutdown began March 20 but social distancing suggestions began before that.

Meeting Room

COVID-19 shutdown began March 20

Director's Report:

We began pickup for materials on March 20. People have been appreciative of this service. (I can't tell you the last time we topped 1,000 checkouts.) One thing we didn't consider is how people who have to fill out unemployment forms often need our computers. After discussing it with the City Council we decided we could allow one person at a time in the library if they could answer the wellness questions for us.

I've been working on weeding the library again while we have time. This will be helpful when we move to the new library system.

Interesting facts on OverDrive – we had 30 unique users in the month of March. Some of those users had multiple checkouts – my card number had 10 between Philip and I. 😊 There was another account with 10, some had 8 etc.