

STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 (Pallas) and seconded (Eller) to approve the minutes of the February, 2020, meeting. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Tordrup, Pallas, Eller; Johnson abstaining).

Correspondence and Communications

A letter of thanks was received from the office of Senator Deb Fischer for the library's cooperation in her "mobile office" program. Another informative communication was received from Craig Eberle of the REAP group.

Report of the Director Library Director Tidyman presented her report as distributed.

Approval of Expenses

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

Unfinished Business

Basement committee activity report postponed till next month. Electronic sign investigation to continue.

New Business

The city provided 2020-2021 budget sheets for the board's study in preparation for submission on or about May 15. Library strategic plan review discussed and tabled. A draft of the Polk County Foundation grant application was presented by the Director. Alternate internet provider bids, including a proposal by the provider Big Red, were discussed with the conclusion being to remain with the existing service. An email has been sent outlining measures to minimize exposure to the Corona virus epidemic by limiting numbers of visitors and urging alternative usage such as the drop off box or telephone and electronic renewal. (acceptance moved by Johnson, seconded by Eller, all ayes; Johnson, Pallas, Eller, Greenwall, Tordrup).

Conferences and Workshops (CASTL meeting postponed)

Adjournment A motion was made (Johnson) and seconded (Tordrup) to adjourn. Motion carried with all "ayes." (Eller, Johnson, Greenwall, Tordrup, Pallas). The next regular meeting; April 20.

Stromsburg Public Librarians Report

March 2020

Circulation

February 2020 -675 2019-661

OverDrive 2020 - 132 2019 – 129

February Statistics

Library Visitors-372

Computer Users-38

New OverDrive Users-1

Copy Machine-16

Fax-0

Microfilm-1

Accu-Cut-1

Laminator-0

Wi-fi-45

Materials Added/Deleted in February

Books-57/-1

Activities in February

Book Club - 6

Genealogy Club-3

Story Hour-15/6

Toddler Time -10

Escape Room -10

Game Day - 14

Meeting Room-

Health and Human Services

VA

Director's Notes:

I am still working on the E-Rate grant. The next form is due March 26. The City has been approached by Big Red Communications in Denton and Future Wireless Technologies in Lincoln about leasing space on top the water tower for internet service. They would pay the City either

\$1,000 per year or provide up to 4 free internet services. This could also be an option but decisions may not be made in time for this year.