

**STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Chairman Chris Tordrup. Present in addition were Board Members: Bob Greenwall, Jessica Pallas, Beth Sparrow, and Library Director Monica Tidyman. Board member Crystal Seydlitz was absent. Also present were Building Committee members Ryan Cooper and Michelle Dubas and Stromsburg Public Works Director Lenard Schaefer. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Law was posted and available for inspection. A notice of the meeting was posted in the Post Office, City of Stromsburg Office, and the Stromsburg Public Library.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

A motion was made by Greenwall, seconded by Sparrow, to approve the minutes of the February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Motion carried with all “ayes” (Greenwall, Pallas, and Sparrow with Tordrup abstaining due to absence). A motion was made by Pallas, seconded by Greenwall, to approve the minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Motion carried with all “ayes” (Greenwall, Pallas, and Tordrup with Sparrow abstaining due to absence).

**Correspondence and Communications**

The library received a thank you from Laurie at Midamerica Books for purchasing books from the company.

**Report of the Director**

Library Director Tidyman presented her report as distributed. A printout of circulation details by category was also distributed. Monica reviewed the NE State Historical Society Foundation and the ALA COVID Library Relief Fund grants and qualifications for the grants. Discussion was had on how the money could be applied to the library for improvements. One suggestion was to upgrade the handicap accessible doors at both the East and South entrance.

**Report from Basement Committee**

Members Ryan Cooper and Michelle Dubas, along with Stromsburg Public Works Director Lenard Schaefer, joined the Library Board meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to discuss the previous City Council meeting, the emails regarding the previous work references provided by Clark & Enersen and ADA with Miller & Associates, and a decision moving forward with a proposal. A decision will be made by the Library Board at the next regular meeting on moving forward with a proposal.

**Approval of Expenses**

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

**Unfinished Business**

The 2021-2022 annual library budget discussion was tabled until the May library board meeting.

**New Business**

A motion was made by Greenwall, seconded by Sparrow, to renew the Association of Rural and Small Libraries membership. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Pallas, Sparrow, and Tordrup). Monica will be running an ad on social media for an intern for the summer months (May – August 2021) which will be funded through the Nebraska

Library Commission Internship Grant. Monica and Sunni will be rearranging the computers to allow for a more efficient use of the current public computers to accommodate other needs. There will be no buying or selling of the computers. The library board must complete the required CE credits before July.

### **Conferences and Workshops**

None at this time.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Greenwall, seconded by Sparrow, to adjourn. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Pallas, Sparrow, and Tordrup). The next meeting would be Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

# Stromsburg Public Librarians Report

April 2021

## Circulation

March 2021 – 641 2020 – 1308

OverDrive-

March 2021 – 141 2020 – 128

## March Statistics

Library Visitors- 360

Computer Users-10

New OverDrive Users - 0

Copy Machine-8

Fax-0

Microfilm-0

Accu-Cut-0

Laminator-0

Wi-fi-17

## Materials Added/Deleted in March

Books-27/-2

DVD's-5/-0

## Activities in March:

Door Hanger Class -5

Game Day – 15

Story Time – 3/5

Open House

Geneology – 2

## Meeting Room

Basement Committee

Joy Foundation

Polk County Extension

## Director's Report:

It was nice to hold some activities again and the meeting room requests are increasing also.

I have been made aware of a couple of grants that are open. They can be used for almost anything so Sunni and I have been gathering ideas.