

STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 15th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairman Chris Tordrup. Present in addition were Board Members: Bob Greenwall, Jessica Pallas, and Library Director Monica Tidyman. Board members Crystal Seydlitz and Beth Sparrow were absent. 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

The approval of the February minutes was tabled until the next meeting on April 19th, 2021 due to the absence of Crystal Seydlitz and Beth Sparrow and Chris Tordrup abstaining due to February meeting absence.

Correspondence and Communications

The library received a donation of (50) Casey's Cookie Coupons for use during the summer reading program.

Report of the Director

Library Director Tidyman presented her report as distributed. A printout of circulation details by category was also distributed. Monica has booked the program for the Swedish Festival for June – Better Half: Nebraska's Hidden Treasures. The kick-off program for summer reading has been booked from the Nebraska State Parks. This year, the program will include snakes and lizards. Monica will take part in the Southeast Library System board meeting to discuss the Pioneer Consortium, the Build America's Libraries Act, and changes within the State Historical Society in regards to newspapers no longer being scanned.

Report from Basement Committee

The last meeting for the basement committee was March 8th, 2021. The committee has received funding through the Fusby Fund for moving forward with a proposal. The three main proposals from Clark & Enersen, ADA with Miller & Associates, and Wilkins ADP were all reviewed and discussion was held of the pros and cons of each. The basement committee makes the recommendation to move forward with Clark & Enersen for the preliminary design and development of the basement completion. The committee seeks approval from the library board and the committee will meet for discussion with the city council on March 22nd, 2021 before moving forward.

Approval of Expenses

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

Unfinished Business

None at this time.

New Business

The library board approves the recommendation of using Clark & Enersen made by the library basement committee to proceed with the preliminary design and development of the basement. A motion was made by Greenwall, seconded by Pallas, to approve the recommendation. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Pallas, and Tordrup). The library

budget sheets were distributed for review before the April meeting.

Conferences and Workshops

The Apollo System Questions and Developments workshop will be held on Thursday April 15th. The workshop is for all the new library systems that use Apollo and will provide guidance and answer questions in regards to the new system. A motion was made by Pallas, seconded by Greenwall, to approve the usage of Mileage Money for the cost of traveling to and from the workshop. Motion carried all “ayes” (Greenwall, Pallas, and Tordrup).

Adjournment

A motion was made by Greenwall, seconded by Pallas, to adjourn. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Pallas, and Tordrup). The next meeting would be April 19th, 2021.

Circulation

February 2021 – 512 2020 -675

OverDrive 2021-170 2020 - 132

February Statistics

Library Visitors-302

Computer Users-6

New OverDrive Users-1

Copy Machine-8

Fax-0

Microfilm-0

Accu-Cut-0

Laminator-0

Wi-fi-7

Materials Added/Deleted in February

Books- 15/-9

DVD's- 4/0

Activities in February

Story Time -2/0

Genealogy -2

Meeting Room

HHS

York Extension LEGO club

Chamber of Commerce

Director's Notes:

-Sunni and I listened to several of the presenters at the Big Talk for Small Libraries webinar, there are some we missed due to helping patrons that we will go back and listen to as they seemed really good. I'll make some recommendations and let you know when the recordings from that day are available. These sessions count for CE credits.

-I have booked our Swedish Festival program for June – Better Half: Nebraska's Hidden Treasures. The presenters are a man and wife team from Omaha. He is a columnist for the Omaha World Herald and she is a food critic. They have traveled around the state finding those restaurants and local gems that most people miss. They have also documented their travels in a book by the same title.

-We've also booked the kick-off program for summer reading from the Nebraska State Parks. This is a free program that they provide. We are also using their owl pellet trunk for another day.

-I have been elected to the Southeast Library System board which had it's annual meeting on the 5th. Several interesting topics were brought up including the dissolution of the Pioneer Consortium (that we used to be a part of,) the State Historical Society is no longer scanning newspapers, and learning about the Build America's Libraries Act.