

STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 20th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Chairman Beth Sparrow. Present in addition were Board Members: Jason Rosenkranz, Crystal Seydlitz, and Jessica Pallas, and Library Director Monica Tidyman. Board member Bob Greenwall was 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

A motion was made by Rosenkranz, seconded by Pallas, to approve the minutes of the August 16th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Pallas, Rosenkranz, and Sparrow with Seydlitz abstaining due to absence of the previous meeting).

Correspondence and Communications

The library received a thank-you letter from the NE State Fair for participating in the 2021 NE State Fair Read & Win Program. The library also received a letter stating a bill due to the Polk County News. The request is not valid and needed to be removed.

Report of the Director

Library Director Tidyman presented her report as distributed. A printout of circulation details by category was also distributed. Materials continue to be added for the enjoyment of library patrons.

Approval of Expenses

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

Unfinished Business

Discussion for the library basement project has been tabled once again. Monica provided an update on library grants available. The first is the Formula Grant for a total of \$4,000. The second is the Library Improvement Grant which will be used for new office chairs and study carrels. The cost of the new office chairs are approximately \$539 each. The third is the Youth Grant for Excellence. It was suggested to apply for this grant for AWE Early Literacy Stations. The cost of the stations are approximately \$7,596 for both.

New Business

A motion was made by Seydlitz, seconded by Sparrow, to affirm the suggested May salary increase of \$3 per hour for Monica Tidyman. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Pallas, Rosenkranz, Seydlitz, and Sparrow). A motion was made by Rosenkranz, seconded by Seydlitz, to establish a yearly evaluation of the Library Director starting this year in October and all following years in September. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Pallas, Rosenkranz, Seydlitz, and Sparrow).

Conferences and Workshops

A motion was made by Rosenkranz, seconded by Sparrow, to approve attendance for the CASTL conference on

September 24th, 2021 at the Kilgore Memorial Library. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Pallas, Rosenkranz, Seydlitz, and Sparrow).

Adjournment

A motion was made by Sparrow for the adjournment of the meeting. The next meeting would be Monday, October 18th, 2021 at 7 P.M. with evaluation beginning at 6:30 P.M.

Stromsburg Public Librarians Report

September 2021

Circulation

August 2021 -651 2020 – 825

OverDrive

August 2021 – 150 2020 - 181

August Statistics

Library Visitors-387

Computer Users-27

New OverDrive Users-0

Copy Machine-29

Fax-6

Scanner-1

Microfilm-0

Accu-Cut-0

Laminator-0

Wi-fi - 41

Materials Added/Deleted in August

Books- 45/0

DVD's-3/0

Activities in August:

Book Club -6

Genealogy Club -

Storytime – 5/6

Director Notes: