

STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 15th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 P.M. by Chairman Beth Sparrow. Present in addition were Board Members: Bob Greenwall, Crystal Seydlitz, and Jessica Pallas, and Library Director Monica Tidyman. Board Member Jason Rosenkranz was absent due to illness. 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 Pallas, to approve the minutes of the October 18th, 2021 meeting as corrected. Motion carried with all “ayes” (Greenwall, Pallas, Seydlitz, and Sparrow).

Correspondence and Communications

The Library Board received a new certification for the continuing education of the board from the Nebraska Library Commission. The board is required every 3 years to complete 20 hours of continuing education credit. The library received notification from the Interlibrary Loan program that the Stromsburg Public Library made a total of \$30.75 for the July-September 2021 quarter. During this quarter, rates were increase to \$0.25 per loan instead of \$0.10 due to additional federal funds.

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. The grant cycle for the ARPA funds was pushed to the 19th due to demand of grant requests. Library Board information was updated to account for recently new members and changes.

Approval of Expenses

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

Unfinished Business

The Library Board reviewed the library director performance evaluation with Monica. The new library internet policy and technology planned are reviewed with the changes as discussed during the October meeting. A motion was made by Greenwall, seconded by Pallas, to approve the internet policy and technology plan as corrected with changes discussed during the meeting. Motion carried with all “ayes” (Greenwall, Pallas, Seydlitz, and Sparrow). The board reviewed the costs of printing to make sure costs were covered.

New Business

The Library Foundation meeting included discussion of the account funds, basement renovations, and appointed new foundation members. The foundation account currently has \$29,936 available. Jim Papik was appointed in as chariman and Beth Sparrow as treasurer/secretary. In addition, Beth is also appointed as the qualifying Library Board member on the Foundation Board.

Conferences and Workshops

A motion was made by Greenwall, seconded by Pallas, to approve the cost of traveling miles for the CASTL workshop on Friday, November 19th at 10 A.M. Motion carried with all “ayes” (Greenwall, Pallas, Seydlitz, and Sparrow).

Adjournment

A motion was made by Sparrow for the adjournment of the meeting. The next meeting would be Monday, December 20th, 2021 at 5:45 P.M.

Stromsburg Public Librarians Report

November 2021

Circulation

October **2021**-692 **2020** – 621

OverDrive- **2021**-150 **2020** – 207

October Statistics

Library Visitors- 367

Computer Users-34

New OverDrive Users-2

Copy Machine-16

Fax-4

Microfilm-0

Accu-Cut-1

Laminator-0

Wi-fi-35

Materials Added/Deleted in October

Books – 75/-27

DVD's – 4/0

Activities in October:

Family Game Night -0

Book Club – 6

Storytime -6/7

Lego Day -7

Genealogy – 2

Movie Day-10

Meeting Room

Director's notes-

-Notification for the grant cycle have been pushed back to the 19th. They had so many applicants that they decided to use more of the ARPA funds to fund more grant requests.

-I was asked to talk about our patron behavior policy with the CASTL group on the 29th. Acknowledging Section 51-212 of the Nebraska Statutes that specifically gives public libraries the power to regulate the use of the

library and to exclude from the library person who violate or refuse to comply with the library's rules and regulations was commended.

-I was reminded at the Polk County Libraries meeting that our board information was out of date on the webpage and that I had not been posting the minutes. I have that caught up now. Vendors for libraries were also discussed and what each library was going to use the ARPA funds for.