

STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 21st, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairman Beth Sparrow. Present in addition were Board Members: Bob Greenwall, Jessica Pallas, Jason Rosenkranz, and Crystal Seydlitz and Library Director Monica Tidyman. 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 Seydlitz, seconded by Greenwall, to approve the minutes of the February 21st, 2022 meeting. Motion carried with all “ayes” (Greenwall, Pallas, Sparrow, and Seydlitz with Rosenkranz abstaining due to absence).

Correspondence and Communications

None at the Time

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 library meeting room was used by Health and Human Services. Overdrive usage for the first time reached over 200 users with 41 unique users. The library will be taking part in the “Spark Joy” program which is a live zoom meeting. Monica has been working on updating information and pictures on the library’s website.

Approval of Expenses

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

Unfinished Business

The library is waiting for study carrels from Eakes/Office Net to be delivered and assembled. The furniture cost was covered by a grant and the total amount will not be paid until all the furniture is delivered and assembled. The city attorney, Jim Papik, will be writing a letter to inquire about the delivery of the furniture. A motion was made by Seydlitz, seconded by Greenwall, to charge \$3.50 per DVD for DVD cleaning. Motion carried with all “ayes” (Greenwall, Pallas, Rosenkranz, Seydlitz, and Sparrow).

New Business

The Library Board reviewed changes and updates made to library policies by Monica. A motion was made by Greenwall, seconded by Seydlitz, to approve the updates to the library policies. Motion carried with all “ayes” (Greenwall, Pallas, Rosenkranz, Seydlitz, and Sparrow). Budget packets for the 2022-2023 yearly budget were handed out and discussion was started on the outlook for next year. The budget conversation will continue in future meetings.

Conferences and Workshops

There will be a Severe Weather and Emergency Preparedness CASTL meeting via zoom on March 25th. On April 1st there will be an Apollo User's Group Meeting in Seward. A motion was made by Rosenkranz, seconded by Seydlitz, to approve miles and time for the meeting. Motion carried with all "ayes" (Greenwall, Pallas, Rosenkranz, Seydlitz, and Sparrow).

Adjournment

Meeting was mutually adjourned. Next meeting will be Monday, April 18th, at 7:00 P.M.

Stromsburg Public Librarians Report

March 2022

Circulation

February 2022 – 531 2021 – 512

OverDrive 2022 – 212 2021-170

February Statistics

Library Visitors-291

Computer Users-16

New OverDrive Users-3 (41 user's total)

Copy Machine-16

Fax-0

Microfilm-0

Accu-Cut-0

Laminator-0

Wi-fi-

Materials Added/Deleted in February

Books-

DVD's-

Activities in February

Gaming Day – 3

Book Club – 4

Story Time – 10/9

Genealogy -2

Board Game Café – 2

Lego Day - 7

Meeting Room

HHS

Director's Notes:

-We have booked a speaker for Swedish Festival – Dr. Kathryn Hain, scholar of the Medieval Middle East, will be sharing insights into Scandinavian history from the eyewitness reports left by Arab scholars, including their arrival in Baghdad on camels. Dr. Hain lives outside of Marquette, NE.

-We've also booked a Marie Kondo consultant in conjunction with 5 other libraries to present a "Spark Joy" program on May 5. Participants will be introduced to the Spark Joy principles and several techniques.

-In addition to noticing some outdated policies, I also noticed some pages on our website needed refreshing. I have started working on updating information and pictures.