

**STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 16th, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Beth Sparrow. Present in addition were Board Members: Ken Cooper, Amanda Woodruff and Crystal Seydlitz and Library Director Lauran Ostberg. Board member Jessica Pallas 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, Economy Hometown Market and the Stromsburg Public Library.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

A motion was made by Woodruff, seconded by Cooper, to approve the minutes of the November 3rd, 2022 meeting. Motion carried with all “ayes” (Woodruff, Cooper, Seydlitz and Sparrow).

A motion was made by Seydlitz, seconded by Woodruff, to approve the minutes from the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 meeting. Motion carried with all “ayes” (Seydlitz, Woodruff, Cooper and Sparrow).

A motion was made by Cooper, seconded by Woodruff, to approve the minutes of the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. Motion carried with all “ayes” (Cooper, Woodruff, Seydlitz and Sparrow).

**Correspondence and Communications**

The library received multiple donations in memory of the late Betty Johnson, Marlyce Harris and Nancy Johnson.

**Report of the Director**

Library Director Ostberg presented her report for December and January as distributed. A printout of circulation details by category was also distributed. Materials continue to be added for the enjoyment of library patrons. Lauran mentioned she was contacted by relatives of hers who have written some Nebraska and other related literature and would be willing to donate them to the library if she would like.

**Approval of Expenses**

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

**Report of the Basement Committee**

Chairman Sparrow reported her, board member Cooper and Lauran attended a city council meeting back in December to update them on the progress, fundraising ideas and future plans for the basement.

Lauran also reported she has looked into multiple grants we may be able to apply for to help with the fundraising efforts.

**Unfinished Business**

Discussion was held regarding the lease/purchase of a new copier. Currently only one bid was able to be located in the files so a decision was tabled until more information and other bids could be located or obtained.

**New Business**

The board reviewed five applications received for the Assistant Librarian position, and decided to hold interview on

Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup> in the evening. Chairman Sparrow will contact the applicants to decide on times.

### **Conferences and Workshops**

Lauran requested approval to attend the next CASTL meeting in Aurora on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Cooper moved, Woodruff seconded, motion carried with all “ayes” (Cooper, Woodruff, Seydlitz and Sparrow).

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was mutually adjourned at 8:33 P.M. Next meeting will be Monday, January 20th, at 7:00 P.M.