

STROMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 20th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Beth Sparrow. Present in addition were Board Members: Ken Cooper, Jessica Pallas, Crystal Seydlitz, Amanda Woodruff and Library Director Lauran Ostberg. 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 Cooper, seconded by Woodruff, to approve the minutes of the January 16th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried with all “ayes” (Cooper, Woodruff, Seydlitz and Sparrow with Pallas abstaining).

A motion was made by Woodruff, seconded by Cooper, to approve the minutes from the January 25th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried with all “ayes” (Woodruff, Cooper Seydlitz and Sparrow with Pallas abstaining).

Correspondence and Communications

The library received additional donations in memory of the late Betty Johnson, and received memorabilia on the James Wilson article, Three Wheeling Across Africa.

Lauran took the opportunity to register the library as a possible stop for Wonder Nebraska.

Report of the Director

Library Director Ostberg presented her report for February as distributed. A printout of circulation details by category was also distributed. Materials continue to be added for the enjoyment of library patrons, three new magazines have been added in replacement of the Lincoln Journal Star subscription. Many patrons felt the LJS content was too repetitive of other newspapers and was no longer worth reading. Two of the new periodicals are Swedish publications.

The library’s annual statistical report has been completed and approved by the city council.

Lauran has completed the basic skills course, Communication, for her Public Librarian Certificate.

Approval of Expenses

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

Report of the Basement Committee

Members of the committee are going to start looking further into available grants to apply for in the future as well as community education and involvement in the project.

Unfinished Business

Further discussion was held regarding the lease/purchase of a new copier. Bids were obtained from Eakes Office Plus and Capital Business Systems for two similar models from each company, with one larger model with more speed and capability that could be useful for the library and its patrons. It was mutual agreed upon to go with the

larger model, however the board requested more information on Capital Business Systems as we have not previously done business with them.

Conferences and Workshops

The next CASTL meeting will be held February 23 and Luran plans to attend via Zoom since it's in Tecumseh, she also plans to attend Big Talk from Small Town Libraries this Friday via Zoom.

Adjournment

Meeting was mutually adjourned at 8:24 P.M. Next meeting will be Monday, March 20th, at 7:00 P.M.