

Rusk County Community Library Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 9th, 2021

Present: Hollis Helmecci, Cindy Pohlman, Annette Barna, Randy Tatur, Jon Thompson, Leah Fuse

Appearances by public: Marty Reynolds, Calvin Vacho, Andy Albarado, Erin Webster

The board reviewed the February 9th, 2021 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the February 9th, 2021 Rusk County Community Library Board meeting minutes by Cindy Pohlman and seconded by Annette Barna. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the invoices from February and March of 2021. The motion was made to approve the February/March 2021 invoices by Cindy Pohlman and seconded by Leah Fuse. The motion carried.

Next, a report and discussion of building and HVAC issues was made by Andy Albarado and Marty Reynolds. The county has an estimation, from Ayers and Associates, of \$220,000 to fix the exterior of the library building. Marty Reynolds gave a report and recommendation, of how to get the air moving downstairs ,by building air ducts that will pull the air back to the unit to recirculate the air.

Next, the board discussed the possible action on maintenance issues. The board is proceeding with the recommendations put forth by Joint-Management to fix the HVAC and building maintenance issues.

The board will discuss, about forming a committee for regular maintenance reviews, at the April 13th, 2021 board meeting.

Next, the board discussed possible action on compliance issue and meeting with funders. Andy Albarado said the county is working with IFLS to resolve the funding issues that is causing the non-compliance issue. There are still questions about how the money is being allocated for the library, by the County and City. A meeting with the County and City is needed to sort out some understanding of the funding and the source of the \$81,000.

Next, the board discussed COVID-19 adjustments to service. The library and staff have been very busy with duties and patrons. When the staff are able to receive the COVID vaccine, then the library will have more open hours for patrons.

The director's report was given by Hollis Helmecci. There was one Virtual Teen Night with 19 attendees. The budget is on track. Hollis attended the Library Legislative Day online. Representative Edming was very surprised, that his co-sponsoring of the law to let libraries use collection agencies, was met with much appreciation by libraries. There is some interest in volunteering and Hollis is planning when that can begin again. Hollis is applying for the DPI CARES ACT money, in the amount of \$1021.11, for reimbursement costs. Also, according to statistics, our community likes to browse more than use the online sources.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13th, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Leah Fuse