

Rusk County Community Library Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 14th, 2021

Present: Hollis Helmecci, Randy Tatur, Christinna Swearingen, Cindy Pohlman, Leah Fuse, Anna Kauffman, Annette Barna Public Appearances: Lyle Lieffring

The meeting was called to order by Randy Tatur, Chairman, in the upper library at 5:01 P.M.

The board reviewed the November 9th, 2021 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the November 9th, 2021 minutes was made by Cindy Pohlman and seconded by Anna Kauffman. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the November 2021 financial statements. A motion to accept the November 2021 financial statements was made by Anna Kauffman and seconded by Cindy Pohlman. The motion carried.

Next, the board discussed maintenance issues of the library building. Annette Barna will talk to Doug Verdegan about the downstairs duct work and Andy Albarado in regards to the list of inside building repairs.

The board reviewed November/December 2021 invoices. A motion to approve the November/December 2021 invoices was made by Cindy Pohlman and seconded by Anna Kauffman. The motion carried.

The Director's report was given by Hollis Helmecci. The budget is on track! There was one teen night and the monthly Beanstack Reading Challenge.

Chairman, Randy Tatur, asked to go into closed session under (f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations, specifically to discuss action to address unacceptable patron behavior. At 5:32 P.M., a motion to go into closed session was made by Cindy Pohlman and seconded by Anna Kauffman. A roll call vote was taken. Each member said, "yes". The motion carried and the meeting went into closed session.

At 5:48 P.M., a motion to go back to open session was made by Anna Kauffman and seconded by Cindy Pohlman. The motion carried.

The board discussed a \$10,000 fee from IFLS for books. The books purchased were downloadable books that were purchased from the IFLS store for patrons that use downloadable materials. The board also discussed an anonymous letter written to the library, in regards to the newly hired Library Director's last position. Congratulations to Hollis Helmecci on her retirement and we thank her for her dedication to our library for the past 12 years! The board looks forward to working with Christinna Swearingen as our new Library Director!

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Leah Fuse