

Rusk County Community Library Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 8th, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Randy Tatur, at 5:00 PM in the upper Library.

The board reviewed the January 11th, 2022 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the January 11th, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Cindy Pohlman and seconded by Keely Sanderson. The motion carried.

The December 2021 Financial Statements were not available to review and accept at this time.

The board reviewed the January/February 2022 invoices. There was no statement from Xcel energy. A motion to approve the January/February 2022 invoices was made by Anna Kauffman and seconded by Annette Barna. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the Public Library Annual Report. A motion for Chairman, Randy Tatur, to sign the Public Library Annual Report was made by Annette Barna and seconded by Cindy Pohlman.

The board discussed maintenance building issues. The board is still waiting on a quote for phones from the county. The duct work has not been completed in the lower level yet. The board asked Christinna Swearingen to get some estimates to fix the HVAC/duct work in the lower level. The board also requested that library board meetings be held in the lower level.

The director, Christinna Swearingen, gave the Director's Report. The statistic report has greatly improved from last year! The part-time positions have been filled. Our library has received a grant through IFLS to build staff culture, teamwork, and communication. The library would need to schedule one or two inservice days, where the library is closed to the public, so the staff can participate in the seminar. The Booktique has been open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Act 150 money has been received from Barron, Washburn, and Chippewa. Also, there are many upcoming activities for adult and youth being planned for our patrons!

The board discussed getting locks on doors in the lower level, so that the middle room could be utilized by the community and patrons. The board also discussed options on how to loan library materials to residents of our community that do not have a residential address and are currently residing at the Lighthouse or Embrace locations. A patron has requested the board to look into applying for grants to install solar panels on the library building.

The next meeting is March 8th, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Leah Fuse