

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

Present: Christinna Swearingen, Randy Tatur, Al Hraban, Anna Kauffman, Cindy Pohlman, Leah Fuse, Annette Barna Public Appearances: Neil Robinson

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. in the lower level of the Rusk County Community Library by Chairperson, Randy Tatur.

The board reviewed the February 2022 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the February 2022 meeting minutes was made by Cindy Pohlman and seconded by Al Hraban. The motion carried.

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

The board discussed library building maintenance issues. A county representative, Neil Robinson, reviewed and explained the county estimate for replacing the phones. The total cost for phones and licenses would be a one time fee of \$2445.46. The monthly charges would be \$185.98. This does not include the fax line or the elevator phone. The Library Director will get estimates for the fax line and elevator phone. The duct work has not been started yet in the lower level of the library.

The board discussed COVID-19 adjustments to the library service. Cases are low in Rusk County; therefore, the board has decided to end the mask mandate.

The Library Director, Christinna Swearingen, gave the director's report. Statistics are greatly improved! The budget is on track! Several new adult and youth programs are being planned. The youth librarian, Valerie Spooner, won a spot in the 2022 PBS Kids Community Learning Cohort.

The board discussed issuing temporary cards for persons that do not have a residence, with a max checkout of two items. The Library Director will write a new policy, in regards to this issue. Also, she will post an article on the library's website about going fine free. Hopefully, this will bring back some of the patrons.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12th, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Leah Fuse