Rusk County Community Library Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Present: Randy Tatur, Nathan Johnson, Christinna Swearingen, Kathy Plahuta, Anna Kauffman, Cheyenne Makinia, Leah Fuse

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Randy Tatur, in the lower library at 5:00P.M.

The board reviewed the November 2023 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the November 2023 Rusk County Community Library Board Meeting Minutes was made by Nathan Johnson, seconded by Kathy Plahuta. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the November 2023 financial statements. The budget is on track! A motion to accept the November 2023 financial statements was made by Nathan Johnson, seconded by Kathy Plahuta. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the November and December 2023 invoices. A motion to approve the November and December 2023 invoices was made by Nathan Johnson, seconded by Anna Kauffman. The motion carried.

The board discussed maintenance of the library building. The boiler, in the lower library, should be repaired soon. The broken windows in the lower library have not been repaired yet, the trim has not been replaced from the renovations of the round windows, and a light sensor needs fixed in one of the rooms in the lower library. A motion to make a recommendation to the Park Board, for a memorial for Cindy Pohlman, was made by Anna Kauffman, seconded by Kathy Plahuta. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Nathan Johnson to go into Closed Session: Action to go into closed session under authority granted in S.19.85(1) (c), Wis Stats., to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation of any public employee; to-wit: discussion on upcoming retirement. The motion was seconded by Anna Kauffman. Randy Taturyes, Nathan Johnson-yes, Christinna Swearingen-yes, Kathy Plahuta-yes, Anna Kauffman-yes, Cheyenne Makinia-yes, Leah Fuse-yes. The motion carried. A motion to return to open session was made by Anna Kauffman, seconded by Nathan Johnson. The motion carried.

The Director's Report was presented by Christinna Swearingen. Adult and youth programming continues to be successful! In the month of January, there will be a break from programming, to allow for planning of the 2024 programming year. The bottle filler has been installed. The library has been awarded a grant for financial literacy for children. Thank you, Christinna Swearingen, for all the successful grant writing work this past year!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by Leah Fuse