

Rusk County Community Library Board.

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Present: Cheyenne Makinia, Kathy Plahuta, Nathan Johnson, Annette Barna, Anna Kauffman, Christinna Swearingen, David Willingham

Public: Lynette Anderson, Ruth Meszaros

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm.

Lynette Anderson, president of the Rusk County Community Library Foundation, asked about the possibility of moving the Friends of the Library Booktique to the O'Connor Room. The Foundation would like to buy shelving, paint, etc. Ruth Meszaros, president of the Friends of the Rusk County Community Library, reported that the shelves are getting difficult for the Friends to push in and out of the Booktique as they are very heavy and most of the volunteers are older. The shelves do not have to be permanently placed in the room but some will be fastened to the wall in order to prevent shelves from falling on volunteers or customers. Both the Foundation and Friends asked that the Library board advocate for the Library flooring and concrete to get done at Joint Management meetings, as it has long been neglected and does not appear to be high priority to either the County or City, even though there are very obvious liability issues that could occur, such as the patron who got her motorized wheelchair stuck in a hole in the concrete and couldn't move whilst coming to a library program. Christinna did receive a \$10,000 grant for the concrete but will need more funds to fully complete the project.

The board reviewed the April 2024 minutes. Nathan made a motion to approve the minutes. Cheyenne seconded. Motion carried.

Financial statements from April 2024 were reviewed. Nathan made a motion to accept the financial statements. Cheyenne seconded. Motion carried.

Invoices from April and May 2024 were reviewed. Cheyenne made a motion to approve. Nathan seconded. Motion carried.

Nathan made a motion to nominate David as board president. Cheyenne seconded. Motion carried. Annette made a motion to nominate Nathan as vice-president. Cheyenne seconded. Motion carried.

Maintenance issues were discussed, including the window that was broken but not fully fixed. Glass was replaced but because the frame of the window was damaged, it will no longer open. It should be contractor's obligation to fix since both glass and frame were broken while work was being done to the outside of the building. Cheyenne made a motion for Friends of the Library

and RCCL Foundation to paint the O'Connor room for improvements. Anna seconded. Motion carried.

Cheyenne made motion for acceptance of Act 150 invoices. Nathan seconded. Motion carried.

Cheyenne made motion for option 1 of logo contest to be approved, with looking at color options for the logo as well. Nathan seconded. Motion carried.

Director Christinna Swearingen gave the director's report. Volunteers from North Cedar Academy have been great and would love to get more volunteers as it is extremely beneficial to staff. Summer reading program is ready to go! Partners of Marshfield Clinic donated a defibrillator and staff will be trained on how to use it. David reported that the library statistics do not encompass the full scope of what the Library does for the community and what a friendly and welcoming place it has become. Cheyenne reported that the Safety Fair is on June 8th and will have a lot of different activities, including bike repair and car seat checks. It was popular last year and will have more to offer this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christinna Swearingen