

Rusk County Community Library Board.

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Present: Cheyenne Makinia,, Nathan Johnson, Annette Barna, Kathy Plahuta, Christinna Swearingen, Kirk Yudes, Jason LeMay, Jay Gerber

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

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

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

Invoices from July and August 2024 were reviewed. Cheyenne made a motion to approve. Annette seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion held on room use for Ladysmith High School, with two sessions being held Monday-Friday for alternative education. Last year's pilot program was a success as the location is perfect bus pickup and for students walking. Christinna will send the current room agreement to Jason who will write up an MOU for the room use. Program this year could also include library use and appears that it will be mutually beneficial for both parties, as education is a priority for both libraries and schools. Cheyenne made a motion to approve 2024-2025 LHS use of East room, pending MOU submitted by the school. Nathan seconded. Motion carried.

Maintenance issues were discussed. Christinna has been told to budget this year for HVAC repairs in the budget, which is new but at least will ensure that it will get repaired as it appears that Joint Management has no budget to work from. Library is still getting excluded from Rusk County Finance meetings and was not asked to contribute to capital improvements for county. Annette made a motion for Christinna to send an email to the Chair of the Finance committee at county level to request admittance and an agenda for the meetings so that the Library is not excluded. Cheyenne seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on agenda item: 9. *Discussion of matters which are pertinent to the board's function.* It is laid out in the bylaws that library meetings have this exact agenda as presented and so will remain as such.

Director Christinna Swearingen gave the director's report. The Library has been quite busy and the schedule of events for summer reading have been going quite successfully!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christinna Swearingen