

Rusk County Community Library Board.

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Present: Cheyenne Makinia,, Nathan Johnson, Anna Kauffman, Kathy Plahuta, Christinna Swearingen, David Willingham, Lynette Anderson

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

The board reviewed the September 2024 minutes. Cheyenne made a motion to approve the minutes with an amendment to add Anna Kauffman as present to the meeting. Nathan seconded. Motion carried.

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

Invoices from September and October 2024 were reviewed. Cheyenne made a motion to approve. Anna seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion held on MOU with Ladysmith High School. The students will be following the same rules when doing alternative education at the Library as they do when on school grounds. Cheyenne made a motion to accept the 2024-2025 MOU with Ladysmith High School. Nathan seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on 2025 budget. No changes from when it was reviewed last month. County is still going through their budget process. Cheyenne made a motion to accept the 2025 budget. Nathan seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion about maintenance issues. Concrete patio and sidewalk have been completed, thanks to a joint effort between an ALA grant and funds raised by RCCL, the Rusk County Community Library Foundation, and the City of Ladysmith. It looks great and now means that the lower-level will be more easily accessible for all patrons, including those with walkers, strollers, or wheelchairs.

Director Christinna Swearingen gave the director's report. September was a bit slower, perhaps due to the gorgeous weather and/or the start of school. Programming will be picking up as it gets colder outside. Jane's official last day at RCCL is November 1st, after 42 years of service. The board thanks Jane for her hard work and remarkable career with the Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christinna Swearingen