

Rusk County Community Library Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 14th, 2023

Present: Christinna Swearingen, Randy Tatur, Leah Fuse, Kathy Plahuta, Annette Barna,

Staff: Valerie Spooner

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

The board reviewed the September and October 2023 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the Rusk County Community Library Board September and October 2023 meeting minutes was made by Randy Tatur, seconded by Kathy Plahuta. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the October 2023 financial statements. The rental of the lower-level rooms has exceeded the revenue budget! A motion to accept the October 2023 financial statements was made by Leah Fuse, seconded by Kathy Plahuta. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the October and November 2023 invoices. The Friends of the Library donated funds for a disc cleaner. Thank you, Friends of the Library!

The board discussed building maintenance issues. The Joint-Management Board approved the replacement of one of the boilers in the lower level. The air conditioners are winterized. Heat tape was applied to the roof, by the staff door and book drop area. The solar arrays are off, until January.

The Youth Services Report was presented, by Valerie Spooner. The teen area is being updated, including the collection. Programming continues to increase and is almost back to pre-covid times. Teen attendance is very good and positive! The calming area is very popular and a new train table has been purchased. The Beanstalk Reading Program is very popular. Teen Tuesday has good attendance and they have many projects planned for the year. The staff would like to have one more full-time employee to be the head of circulation. Some of the other needs of the library are: Story Walk to be replaced with metal stands, teens would like bean bag chairs, user friendly computers, and a portable scanner.

The Director's Report was presented by Christinna Swearingen. The budget is on track! Youth and adult programming have been very successful!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Leah Fuse