

March 2020 Rusk County Community Library Minutes

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To: Hollis Helmecci <helmecci@ladysmithpl.org>

Rusk County Community Library Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Present: Hollis Helmecci, Cindy Pohlman, Mark Platteter, Randy Tatur, Leah Fuse

Appearances by the public: Connie Hanson, Kathy Lindahl, Ruth Meszaros, Abby Knoll

At 5:00pm the meeting was called to order in the lower level of the Rusk County Community Library by Randy Tatur.

Motion to approve the February 11, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Cindy Pohlman and seconded by Mark Platteter. Motion carried.

Next, patrons of the library voiced their concerns of the building maintenance issues of the Rusk County Community Library. The board suggested that patrons go to the city meetings and ask for more money for building maintenance to be added to the library budget. When there are small maintenance issues, Hollis can request the county to repair them, while larger projects need to be brought up before the City Finance Committee. The City Finance Committee meeting is held sometime in August or September. A member of the Lighthouse Foundation also appeared before the board to request temporary library cards be issued to its patrons. Hollis explained that the library has no way to track items if they are not returned and that library card use has to be fair to our local Embrace foundation and the Lighthouse Foundation. The board asked that Hollis get examples from other libraries on how they handle this type of situation.

Review was made of the February 2020 statements. At this time there is still no final December 2019 statement. Motion to accept the February 2020 statements was made by Cindy Pohlman and seconded by Mark Platteter. Motion carried.

Review was made of the February/March 2020 invoices. Motion to approve these invoices was made by Cindy Pohlman and seconded by Mark Platteter. Motion carried.

The board discussed library card use of the patrons. Hollis recommended going to a no fine policy. Patrons would only get fined if the item was lost or damaged. The board asked Hollis to look into statistics regarding this. This agenda item will be presented at the July 2020 board meeting again.

The board discussed building maintenance of the library building. It was noted that the building is checked every night before closing.

The director's report was given by Hollis Helmecci. There was a total of 22 events with 408 participants. The library needs to update some computers due to they no longer can process updates. Some of the code violations are being addressed and fixed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Leah Fuse