

**RICE LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES – MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF**  
**Tuesday, Mar 12th, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.**  
Rice Lake Public Library  
2 E. Marshall St., Rice Lake, WI 54868

**Members Present:** Melissa Kozma, Abbey Fischer, Amanda Morey, Chris Fitzgerald, Gina Sookiyak, and Bun Hanson

**Members Absent:** Marsha Scherz and Jane Thompson

**Others Present:** Library Director Rachel Thomas

**Call to order:** Amanda Morey called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m..

**Public Appearances:** None

**Approval of minutes of the February 2024 meeting:** A motion was made by Chris Fitzgerald to approve the minutes from the February 2024 Board of Trustees meeting. Seconded by Bun Hanson. Motion carried.

**Review and approval of bills from February 2024:** Bills were reviewed and found to be in order. A motion was made by Abbey Fischer to approve the bills for February 2024 and seconded by Bun Hanson. Roll call vote. Voting for: Amanda Morey, Melissa Kozma, Abbey Fischer, Chris Fitzgerald, and Gina Sookiyak and Bun Hanson. Voting against: none. Motion carried. .

**Review of financial statements from February 2024:** Director Thomas reported that the budget is right on track.

\*Chris Fitzgerald left at 5:08 p.m

**Statistics from January 2024:** Reviewed the Stats that were shared out. Director Thomas highlighted that the Fellowship has not had a lot of attendance and they are looking at ways to support getting the word out on that. Pokemon continues to be very popular. Red Cedar Valley Heritage is utilizing the library for their meetings and bringing in a speaker. Several new items added recently to the collection—ordering had been paused for a bit due to other priorities. Visitor and checkout numbers are up.

**Review of Director's Report:** Director Thomas shared about the February programming Seed Library and the challenges and possibilities that existed with that. Upcoming themed Storytime with a visit from Officer Andy. We also discussed the Library Speakers Consortium and the resource that is for

our patrons!

\*Bun left at 5:19 p.m.

The board acknowledged there was no longer a lack of quorum; however, the meeting continued as there were no action items, just information.

**Friends of the Library Report:** Melissa Kozma reported that the Friends group needs books for the Book Nook in the Library. They are looking at various fundraising opportunities like Applebee's or Papa Murphy's, Music in the Park concessions, etc. The annual mailing went out.

**Comments:** No additional comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 at 4:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Gina Sookiayak