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Rocky Public Library



MINUTES

Rocky Mountain House Library Board

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 7pm

Library Meeting Room

Present: Ben Worth, Lori Pratt, Denise Boniface, Karen Travis, Lynda Huseby, Lori Sunde-Cooper, Mimi Cole

Absent: Elyse Morin, Tyler McCauley

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lori Pratt on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6:59 pm.

1.1 Agenda and Minutes

1.1.1 Additions/changes to the agenda: none

Motion #851 Mimi moved to adopt the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Seconded by Lynda. **CARRIED**

1.1.2 Chair Lori asked if there were any changes for the May meeting minutes.

There were none.

Motion #852 Mimi moved to adopt the May 27, 2026 meeting minutes.

Seconded by Karen. **CARRIED**

2. ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 Financial Report: Ben presented the financial report. He advised that in the Variance Report, under the grant revenue, the Library Operating Grant should be received later in the summer after review of the submitted report; the summer employment grant will be received following submission of the end-of-summer reporting. County highway clean-up funds were recently received and will appear on the next report. Board members asked about the Rural Services grant for 2027 budgeting in September; Lori P. will contact Sydney Graham at Clearwater County for an update.

Motion #853 Lynda moved to accept the financial report as presented.

Seconded by Karen. **CARRIED**



2.2 Term deposits/reserve funds: Ben shared an update on information received for investment options at local institutions. As a reminder, 1 term deposit is coming due in Feb/March 2027 and the other term deposit is due in 2028. The board discussed options to invest some of the funds which are currently in the savings account. Ben and Lori P to obtain further information. Decision tabled to the next meeting.

2.3 Stronger Together Conference Attendance: Dates are Oct 20 & 21. Ben indicated that the cost for 2 Board members will be within the allotted budget, including the conference fee, travel, and accommodations; no additional motion is necessary until additional Board members would like to attend the conference. Ben will let the Board know if staff are attending and coordinate all attendees. Ben advised the Parkland Library Conference, which is scheduled for September 21, has no fee for library staff and board members; Ben asked Board members to let him know if they plan to attend and will coordinate travel arrangements.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Library Board Basics Workshop: 4 Board members attended. Good information was shared.

3.2 Upcoming Events:

- Market On Main - Ben reminded Board Members to complete the Google Poll to volunteer.
- Pub Trivia - Ben advised that there were around 50 participants at the June trivia. Ben contacted Rival Trade to move into the event space and will arrange a better sound system.

4. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 4.1** Library Manager's Report: Ben's report was distributed with meeting materials. Denise asked if Library Trivia generated funds for the library; Ben advised there was a \$10 fee per team. Karen asked about the theme for the Summer Reading Program; Ben advised the theme is Dive into Reading.



- 4.2** Library usage stats to the end of May 2026: Stats were distributed with meeting materials. Karen commented on the fluctuations: overall circulation is up and program attendance is up; wifi usage was down. Market On Main interactions are recorded and shared on the annual report.
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- 6. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:**
- Lynda - Hosting a Picnic for Pride on Sunday at 2pm, at the library. It will be a potluck, with hot dogs and hamburgers provided.
- Denise - Reviewed notes from Library Board Basics:
- Does the library go to any of the Senior's facilities? Ben advised that there is a program with the Ravines. Ben will look into expanding to Westview Lodge and Good Samaritans.
 - Are there any books for the Filipino community? Ben advised this has been considered in the past but the interest was not sufficient.
 - Encourage involvement from the various communities (i.e. Filipino).
 - Succession planning for the Board. Ben confirmed terms expire in 2026 for Lori P., Mimi and Elyse.
- Karen - Program idea from Victoria Library: Sidewalk Talk. An individual sets up as a listener for people who walk by to stop and talk. Ben will look into the Sidewalk Talk organization. Another idea is to "sign out a person" from the library to hear their stories.
- 7. NEXT MEETING:** September 23, 2026 7 pm
- 8. ADJOURNMENT:**
- Motion #854** Denise moved to adjourn at 7:54 pm. Seconded by Lynda.
- CARRIED**