Rushford Free Library Board Meeting **August 12, 2026**

In Attendance:

Marty Sabato, hereinafter M.S.
Amy Chiu, hereinafter A.C.
Kristin Barber, hereinafter K.B.
Sandy Gustafson, hereinafter S.G.
Kate Drum, hereinafter K.D.
Evan Cobb, hereinafter E.C.
Becky Cole, hereinafter B.C.

Absent:
Jessica Hoxie, hereinafter J.H.
Allison Barnes, hereinafter A.B.
Amy Stromberg, hereinafter A.S.

Prior to the meeting, all Board members were provided copies of:

- August 2026 Meeting Agenda
- July 2026 Meeting Minutes
- August 2026 Director's Report
- August 2026 Financial Report
- August 2026 Program Report

Call to Order: 7:06 p.m.

July 2026 Meeting Minutes
Motion to accept the Minutes by A.C. Motion seconded by K.D. Motion carried.

President's Report
Patron donation to purchase Moss Lake children's book by Ruth Metcalf.
Discussion about a ceremony to commemorate the donation and present the books to Rushford and Fillmore libraries.

Library Director Report

- Re: Purchase of a new laptop: STLS is utilizing HP computers now – cost is approximately $1050.00. STLS requires a service contract for $450/3 years or $750/5 years. We have $500 from Southern Tier Foundation grant to apply toward this purchase.

Motion to approve $1500.00 (including the grant money) to purchase the STLS laptop and service contract (3 year) by K.B. Motion seconded by E.C. Motion carried.

- Discussion and further review of the Library of Things policy and inventory catalog.

Motion to accept the Report by A.C. Motion seconded by S.G. Motion carried.

Bookkeeper's Financial Report

- Update from M.S. on the extensive efforts to secure VanGuard approval to move our funds into different types of accounts.
- Discussion about potential Financial Advisors to assist in our financial management. M.S. to secure interview meetings with potential advisors.

Motion to accept the Report by E.C. Motion seconded by K.D. Motion carried.

Program Coordinator Report

- Sunday August 30th is the Challenger Baseball Game. Volunteers to bake/bring cookies and to field helpers are welcome.

Motion to accept the Report by K.B. Motion seconded by E.C. Motion carried.

Old and New Business:

- Building Project Update: Due to current economy and expenses our budget of $1.2M is not realistic to cover the costs of our new-build vision at this time. (Estimated budget is $1.6M). Architect suggests a renovation would cost approximately $800,000. A renovation evaluation report will cost $1500.00 to determine renovation feasibility.

Motion to pay up to $3000.00 to secure renovation evaluation reports by A. C. Motion seconded by S.G. Motion carried.

- Board Narcan Training will take place at next meeting on September 16.
- Fundraising Raffle: Tickets are still being sold. Sales are slow now but expected to increase as we get closer to Labor Day.
- Request for more YouTube reading videos for our channel

- K.D. requests Board members participate in a TikTok video for marketing purposes.
- Labor Day Parade: TBD if we will enter in the parade. We will man a booth and have book and make & take kits to giveaway.
- Discussion about the creation of a Venmo account for the Library: Library needs to be registered with the Charities Bureau in the AG's office. K.B. to investigate.
- Budget Committee needs to set a fall meeting date. (K.D., A.B., J.H. and M.S.).

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm by K.B. Motion seconded by A.C. Motion carried.

Important Dates:

Little Bookworms	Friday mornings	10:00 AM
School Age Summer Reding Program	Thursdays	2:00 PM
Stich N'Talk	August 11th	1:30 PM
Book Club	August 18th	1:30 PM
CookBook Club	August 18th	6:00 PM
Challenger Baseball Game	August 30th	4:00 PM

Next meeting: September 16, 2026