

Christmas Social and Meeting of the Friends of the Rome Library - Minutes
December 9, 2017, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 2:34 p.m.

Roll call of officers – Ron Fregien, Jeanne Osgood, Katie Wittbrodt and Steve Raap all present.

Financial Report – Katie Wittbrodt reported. Extra amounts in checking account moved to the reserve fund. Ron Fregien/Barb Long made a motion to accept the Report. Approved.
Financing requested for future programs at the library. Motion by Patt Pisellini/Gary Schoenborn to donate up to \$600.00 to support programs offered at the library during 2018. Approved.

Marsha Pfingston offered to audit books.

No one volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee to fill Vacancies by May,2018. All offices are 1 year. Volunteers need to step up if we are to have an effective Friends of the Library Group. Please consider volunteering for a position.

Open House Day on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, from Noon to 7:00 p.m., in appreciation of departing Library Director Lore Ingram. People volunteering to bring treats for the day: Bud and Sharon Ramsland, Barb Long, Judy Ontl, Paul and Patt Pisellini, Barb Herreid, Monica Schilling, Patti Herzog, Fern Fregien, Jeanne Osgood, and Steve Raap.

Date for Annual Meeting is Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Items for agenda: Elect officers, Projects for the year

Motion by Judy Ontl/Barb Long to Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. followed by volunteers taking parts in a Mystery Theatre.

PLEASE NOTE – We need 2 people per shift. Jeanne took the liberty of scheduling for times you suggested. If this schedule does not work for you, please contact Jeanne at 715-325-6244. Thank you. Of course you can be there longer or at other times as you wish.
Schedule for those volunteering to be at the Library on Feb. 6 for Lore’s “drop in to say good-bye” event:

10:00 – set up – Barb Herreid & Jeanne Osgood
12:00 – 2:00 – Bud and Sharon Ramsland
2:00 – 4:00 – Patti Herzog and Barb Long
4:00 – 6:00 – Ron & Fern Fregien
6:00 – 7:00 – plus Clean-up – Steve Raap and Jeanne Osgood

FRIENDS OF THE LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF ROME
October 16, 2015 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by President Bill Lindroth.

The Minutes of the July 10, 2015 meeting were approved as emailed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Current balance in checking is	\$13,084.57
Current balance in savings is	10,494.85
Total balance as of 10/16/15 is	23,579.22

Camelot Frolic profit - \$2,017.47

Mystery Dinner - \$3,105.00

Amazon Smile Program - \$6.42

Campbell's Soup Proof of Purchase program - all dollars raised are donated to the library. Lore Ponshock has a list of qualified products for this program.

Motion made by Barb Kwiatkowski seconded by Judy McGuire. Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Library Board Report: Jeanne Osgood

- Building Committee formed – updates to be presented at Library Board meetings
- Building Committee will meet monthly
- Town of Rome matched funds raised for a total of \$500,000.00 for the expansion

Program Statement – Lore Ponshock

- Description of expansion plan to submit to planners formed – to be reviewed for edits/changes
- Final review next Wednesday, October 21, 2015
- Areas of consideration – Community Room, Children's Area and increased staff area

Library Director's Report:

Link Cat – new system for library will allow members:

- On line capabilities with your new card
- Access to all libraries
- Information on new system to be posted on the web site

Counting Station – volunteers needed

Mystery Dinner – Thrivent donated \$250.00

New Programs

Maker Kits – Borrow sewing machines for sewing at library

Christmas Break Program – motion stop videos by students

Flat bed scanner - digitize old photos etc.

3D printer

Barb Kwiatkowski requested a class on Windows 10 next year. At this time library is unable to provide classes on Windows 10.

Lore Ponslock reported the Library Board has developed the RFP's – bids that will go out to contractors.

Construction Committee Report:

- Committee went over program statement and responsibilities
- Will be sending out RFP's
- Any donations collected will go to Encourage

Foundation Report – no report.

Christmas Social:

- Scheduled for December 12th, 2015 2:00-4:00 pm at the Rome Town Hall
- Refreshments to be donated by volunteers
- Friends of the Library will supply coffee, punch, plates
- Contact Barb Kwiatkowski (bakwi@scacable.com)/Judy McGuire (mcguirejudy@hotmail.com) with questions

Calendar of Events 2016:

NYAT – Pat Pisellini volunteered to coordinate NYAT beginning year of 2017. Final year for Friends to organize is 2016.

LAKE CAMELOT BRAT FRY— 3rd Saturday in August. Date for 2016 is August 20th.

ROMAN FEST – There will be two performances in 2016, August 12th & 13th.

MYSTERY DINNER – Scheduled for September 15, 16 2016.

The next meeting will be our Christmas Social, December 12, 2015 at 2:00 pm, Rome Town Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pitzl

FRIENDS OF THE LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF ROME

OCTOBER 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the president and the secretary called the roll. Officers present were President, Jeanne Osgood, Treasurer, Katie Wittbrodt, and Secretary, Nadine Lehr. Absent was Vice President, Polly Rott. The secretary read the minutes. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The treasurer gave her report. The total Checkbook/Savings account was \$13,189.07. The report was from January 2010 through September 30, 2010. A Brat Fry Report was given by President, Jeanne Osgood. She thanked everyone for their help. A total of \$615.48 was made giving us a total of \$13,804.55. A motion was made and seconded that the report be approved as read.

Lore gave the Library Director's report. She thanked everyone who helped with the Summer Reading Program. Not as many children attended this year maybe due to the many programs offered during the summer. She also reported on the Gangster Program. Football raffle tickets were sold at that time. She heard from Town Supervisors and budget of \$124,158.00 was approved if there were no budget cuts. Librarian, Jim Keith, will be retiring the end of October 2010 but will still do the Computer Classes. Four resumes were sent to the Library for a new Librarian. At the South Central Meeting Lesters were recognized for their contributions and support for 6 libraries in Central Wisconsin. A photo book made of all these libraries to be presented to them. Lore received certification for all duties of a Notary Public. Call Lore at the library to make an appointment if Notary Public is needed.

A report was given from Grecns Garden about their Haunted House this Halloween. A sign up sheet was passed around for help to set up the haunted house. The Haunted House is to help raise money for the Lester Library of Rome Building Expansion.

Jerry Lipski gave the Library Board Report. He mentioned the \$615.00 profit from the Brat Fry. He also mentioned that dreams can come true. We know what the residents want and the cost. The dream is only half completed. Money must be raised. The Foundation needs help to raise money. A Town Board Proclamation was signed by ALL supervisors. A stupendous job was done explaining at the Town people meeting. Library budget is \$124, 158.00. If we did not use this money it would go to Adams County. Jerry thanked everyone for their support and asked everyone to keep the effort up and help the Foundation.

Jeanne Osgood gave the Library Foundation Report since MaryAnn Benkowski was absent. We only have ONE year for fund raising. We can help through different committees such as Advisory, Donors within the Foundation, planned events, and fund raising. If the Foundation cannot raise money they will look at other options at the end of the year – Dec. of 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

Jeanne Osgood gave a report on the Plant Exchange. Dianne Genz reported on the Fun Walk. \$2917.00 was raised this year which was more than last year. There were not as many participants but the raffle was a success raising \$1159.00. Dianne said we need to revamp the walk. Suggestion was made for an old time picnic in the park.

The Garden Walk report was given by Jeanne Osgood. There were 400 visitors to the library garden which was beneficial to let people know about the library. People also remarked how wonderful it was that Master Gardener Volunteers in Rome took care of the garden.

NEW BUSINESS

Barb Blair gave a report on the Mystery Dinner to be held Thursday, October 21, 2010. This is to help the Library Expansion Program. Thrivent will match. Tickets will be \$35.00, \$25 to be donated to the library. It will be open to 154 people. They hope to make \$3000.00.

Friends of the Library with friends named will give a future pledge of \$12,000.00 for the fireplace in the Expansion Plans. Jeanne was asked to write a letter to the Foundation so they know what we wish to do.

The Christmas Tea report was made by Karen Swenson. Sign up sheet was passed to help bring baked goods and tea pots. Suggestions were made for a small 15 minute program to be added at the Christmas Tea. The Tea will be December 4, 2010, 2:15 – 4:30 with a short ½ hour meeting.

Marilyn needs people October 11-16 to count people as they come into the Library that week.

Jeanne Osgood will be stepping down as President and asked that we please consider stepping up to her position.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine M. Lehr

Friends of the Lester Public Library of Rome

Minutes from Aug. 27, 2005 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. Board members present were: Jeanne Osgood, Elaine Erickson, Marilyn Bailey. Absent were: Mary Betker and Polly Rott. Motion was made to accept the minutes from the May 14, 2005 by Elaine, seconded by Fran. Motion passed. Treasurer's report was given by Elaine. Motion by Marilyn to accept, second by Pat Welch. Motion passed.

Lore gave a report on the summer reading program. Attendance was down this summer. Discussion was held on using local talents to cut down the cost. Pineland School has another grant to bring the students to the library twice a month. They will be coming on Mondays. Preschool Reading program dates are set for Tuesdays, twice a month beginning Sept. 6.

Angel Book Tree will be offered again this year. It will be put up around Thanksgiving. Jeanne will check around for a small artificial tree to hang book titles on.

Brat Fry reports: Tentative amount the Friends will receive from the Rome Auxiliary is \$1300. Proceeds were split at about 1/3 and 2/3.

Survey results for Home Delivery System – Not needed at the present. One person needs delivery of books, and Lore or Fran will do it. Project will be tabled until the senior center is built in the town of Rome.

Friends group is sponsoring Peter Fletcher, Classical Guitarist, at the Rome Public Library for a 70 minute concert on Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door. Friends of the Lester Public Library of Rome are free. There will be a Potluck supper in advance of the concert for members of the Friends group. Please sign up to bring a dish to pass.

Lake Arrowhead Craft Fair Promotion Table – Marilyn, Fran, Jeanne and Mary Betker will work. Elaine E. will come if she can.

Discussion held on how to notify people about the Friend's meetings. People will be called or postcards sent for the next meeting. There was a suggestion that the board meet regularly on alternate months next year. All members would be aware of the meetings and could attend if they wish. It may be better to have meetings during the week rather than on Saturday except for the annual meeting. Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion was held on status of non-profit application. The State form is ready to file, the Federal form will be filed as soon as the state form is processed. The cost will be approximately \$250. Elaine E is taking care of filing.

The December meeting will be the last meeting for 2005. We will meet on Dec. 3 at 12:30 p.m. There will be a light lunch followed by a short meeting, and then decorate the library for the Holiday Season. Fund dispersal for 2005 and fundraising for 2006 will be determined at this meeting.

Motion to Adjourn made by Marilyn, seconded by Fran. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by Jeanne Osgood, President

First Annual Meeting
Friends of Lester Library
Town of Rome
May 15, 2004

The First Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Lester Library, Town of Rome was called to order by Jeanne Osgood, Acting Co-Chairperson at 12:35 p.m.

Jeanne thanked everyone in attendance for their show of support for the Friends of Lester Library, Town of Rome. Everyone was asked to take a copy of the agenda for the meeting and Jeanne pledged to keep to the published time schedule.

Steering Committee Report

Jeanne Osgood read the Steering Committee Report and gave a brief overview of the purpose of the Friends Group starting with the initial meeting in October, 2003. Everyone attending the Steering Committee meeting were requested to give their input to the process and encouraged to work jointly on establishing the By-Laws for the group.

Nominations of Officers

Dennis Krueger presented the following individuals recommended by the Steering Committee members as candidates for officers;

President: Jeanne Osgood

Vice President: Polly Rott

Treasurer: Kristi Holck

Secretary: Mary Betker

There were no nominations from the floor of candidates for any of the officer positions. All the candidates were seconded and elected unanimously by show of hands from the paid-up members in attendance. Marilyn Bailey will be the library staff liaison to the Friends Group for the 1st year and will attend the meetings.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurers report was presented by Jeanne Osgood. A total of 16 paid members were recorded at the start of the meeting and \$80 in dues had been collected to date. Total expenses to date are \$43.58 reflecting several small purchases for items such as stamps, start-up checks, and registrations fees. Balance remaining in the account as of 5/14/04 is \$36.42. The report was accepted as submitted.

By-Laws

Jeanne Osgood reviewed the By-Laws prepared by the Steering Committee and touched on several key points. The fiscal year of the Friends group matched the Library Fiscal year. All Officer positions are for a 1 year period with elections to be held at the annual meeting in May. No more than 4 meetings are anticipated to be necessary and a notice of each meeting will be posted so interested individuals may attend. The 1st. year will be used to determine the duties of the officers. The Friends group is not a fund raising group

but a support and volunteer group to help the Library and the Library Foundation wherever possible. The report was accepted as presented.

Library Directors Report

Lore Ponschok presented the Directors report and gave a brief history of the Lester Public Library, Town of Rome. She distributed a sheet containing Library Statistics for 2003 which showed a high level of increase in patronage use of the library over the same period in 2002. Lore thanked her volunteer staff for their great support and said the over 2000 volunteer hours worked in 2003 were equal to one full-time paid staff position. Lore also discussed several of the efforts she and the Library had shared in during the year involving Pineland school, the Book Club, Computer Training Courses and her newest offer, the Child Finger Printing day, June 19th at the library between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Book Club Report

Lore presented a brief report on the Book Club and indicated there are currently 13 members who meet once a month to review the selected book and decide on the next book. She also assists the Lake Arrowhead book club with their selections.

Old Business

The book sale has netted over \$250 so far and it will continue through the end of May. The Adams Kids day was a success, Lore read stories to the kids and next year it will be held on April 9th.

New Business

Lore discussed her "wish list" items including a request for Books on CD or Cassette tapes. A subscriber service is available for Book on Tape but is expensive. This may be come one of the Friends goals for the next year. Volunteers are needed for various new efforts and everyone was invited to sign up on one of the several lists being circulated. Katie Wittbrodt will be the Chair of the Marketing/Outreach committee.

Other

Dennis Krueger gave a brief overview of the purpose of the Lester Library Foundation. One of its major roles is to function as the fund raising arm of the Lester Library of the Town of Rome. The biggest challenge in the next year will be the planning for the library expansion. Dennis introduced Pat Welch, President of the Library Board to the group.

President elect Jeanne Osgood announced the next meeting of the Friends group will be August 28th at 12:30 p.m. at the library. Reminder notices will be posted prior to the meeting. Jeanne thanked everyone for their interest and closed the meeting called the meeting closed at 1.40 p.m. All attendees were invited to enjoy the treats provided by the Rome Auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted: Ruth Krueger, Acting Secretary