

Friends of the Lester Public Library of Rome Meeting Minutes August 27, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Officers present were Vice President, Judy Ontl, Barb Herreid - Treasurer, and Jeanne Osgood – Secretary and Ron Fregien, President.

Minutes from the June 25, 2021 meeting were approved.

Financial Report was given by Barb Herreid. Fern Fregien and Roberta Stoldt made a motion to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report –The summer reading program is well attended. 47 children signed up and 31 participated weekly, 27 attended the Papa Bears free golf event and also got free ice cream.

Sept through November will be an adult reading challenge – Latte with the Librarian. It will be held twice a month. Friends will pay for the treats for the Latte Program with remaining unspent program money. Sign up at the library and you will be eligible for a door prize.

Library community room is open for movies and community groups in September. Tai-Chi classes will be held twice a week through Oct. 7. The new staff member, Coltyn, is doing very well. He is a high school student and is working 20 hours a week in summer, and less in winter. He will be helping with a Teens Gaming program.

Volunteers are needed for the movies – sit in, watch the movie, report problems to the staff if they come up.

October 5 at 3:00 Chad Lewis will present a program in the Community Room on Lumberjacks in Wisconsin.

Old Business

Camelot Frolics – August 21, 2021- Thank you to all who helped. It was a success and we made almost as much as two years ago. It is a great fund raiser. Suggestions for next year were:

offer Gatorade or flavored water in addition to soda and water, have co-chairs that can split up the day so no one has to be there all day, end by 6:00 so we can leave by 7:00 before the band starts, use 2 regular grills and not the heavy griddle grill.

Art in the Garden – It was a great day. Suggestions for next year were: set up in the circle in the road or in the parking lot so artists do not have to be on uneven surfaces, more publicity is needed, maybe have entertainment in the back on the patio, publicize garden tours, pick a date now so it can be included in Chamber information for the year. Jeanne Osgood made a

motion to select July 9, 2022 for the Art in the Garden and Library Garden Tours. Barb Herreid seconded. Carried.

Donor Wall Update – Renee found a list of names and amounts in some old records. Barb Herreid will use the list to determine what needs updating. Renee mentioned the leaves are falling, and some of the blocks, too. A better adhesive is needed for them to stay attached.

New Business

Compost Bin discussion. Instead of a large compost demonstration site, the gardeners suggested having 3 pre-made compost bins set in 3 different areas for the daily and weekly materials. In the back, there will be one large area for the huge fall and spring cleanup materials. Pat Fischer/ Roberta Stoldt made a motion to purchase 3 bins for composting. Carried.

Book Sale – Discussion held on Friends sponsoring a Book Sale Oct. 18 – 23. Renee will weed out books not being checked out, donations will be accepted for the month of September, and Friends will sign up for shifts during the week at the next Friends meeting.

Holiday Social – Suggestions were to have a program, or some type of entertainment with punch and cookies. Silver Foxes, Mike Clark (Guitar), band that meets in a garage, John Haugen (guitar). People who know any of these will check with them to see what if anything they will offer and bring responses to the next meeting.

Other Business

Bob Stoil suggested considering a booth at the Rome Holiday Fair at the Rome Town Hall on Nov. 20, 2021. He would donate some of his pictures in plastic sleeves to hang on a tree in the booth. The pictures would be for sale and the profits would go to the Friends of the Library. Donations to the Friends of the Library of \$25 would get a free picture of their choice. Bob will provide decorating ideas, design, and the pictures. Ron and Fern Fregien would help set the booth up. Roberta Stoldt and Pat Fischer will work the booth on the day.

Next Meeting - October 8, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Items for the agenda include Book Sale, Holiday Fair Booth, Holiday Social plans.

Judy Ontl/Pat Fischer motioned to adjourn. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.