

Friends of the Library

Lester Public Library of Rome ,WI

Sept. 30, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Ron Fregien at 920am

Roll Call of Officers: all officers present

Approval of Minutes from July 22, 2022: Motion to approve minutes by Jeanne Osgood. 2nd by Judy Ontl. Minutes unanimously approved.

Financial Report: Treasurer Barb Herreid reported financials from Camelot Frolics:

\$1,728 cash receipts; \$117.50 donation jar; \$250 Thrivent grant; \$361 sale of leftover food. Total of \$2,456.50. Down from last year. Supplies purchased \$304.64; Holiday Wholesale-food \$1,050.76 total \$1,355.40. Net Profit \$1,101.10. Also down from last year. Current Balance in Checking acct: \$25,816.71 Savings: \$4,111.36.

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Jeanne. 2nd by Fern Fregien. Motion unanimously approved. Hard copy of statement is attached to hard copy of minutes.

Librarian's Report: Summer Reading Program finale at Papa Bear's was successful. Children read 556 books in a 2 month period. There were no programs in August because Renee had to be gone much of the time. Adult reading runs to Nov. 21. Wed morning movies have begun. There is a therapy dog at library 2x/week. A writers group will begin for anyone interested in writing. Halloween crafts will be held the same week of Town Center activities. Pumpkins still needed. Counting week is the same week of the book sale. Volunteers needed. Parking lot work has begun. New logo winner is the tree Cassi our library employee designed. Thank you Cassi. When Friends logo is decided on then both logos will be sent to South Central for finishing.

Old Business: Frolics: Jeanne asked to consider a different option for fundraising instead of the Frolics. She noted that income is down and a different crowd has been coming. Suggested a more family friendly option.

Renee agreed since the library is family oriented. Jeanne also suggested more partnership with Visit Rome. We received \$285 from them last week and we will also receive funds from this Friday's Farmer Market sales. She also suggested a walk. Pam stated that there are matching funds from Visit Rome available if we do. Lori suggested looking into having a booth at Lake Arrowhead farewell picnic. Ron noted that income from Frolics is down the last four years since there is only 1 ski show. Less people come. Pam noted there are more vendors present also. Ron tabled this until a future meeting so more thought can go into this.

Book Sale: Dates Oct 17-22. The sale will also be on Sat but library staff will manage this. Volunteers needed for setup (week before) and sale. Signup sheets on table. Weeding of books being completed. Any books left on shelves have been checked out within last 3 years so must be kept. Renee suggested that the \$3/bag be started on the first day instead of last. Paperbacks will be marked 5 for \$1. Any left over books will be donated to Romemakers Paperbacks to Jails project. Pam inquired about evaluating "antique" books. Renee does not accept old books due to unseen mold and bugs. There is someone in Madison that does evaluate old books for value.

Bylaws: Katie assembled a folder with current Mission statement, Bylaws, Giving Tree information, volunteer activities and responsibilities. Last formal review and update was 2015. She did state that any changes have to be made at the Annual Meeting. Officers have the folders and can be available for new members. It was noted that there is a volunteer waiver in folder also for those volunteering in Library but not needed for activities like Book sale. Thank you Katie.

New Business: Logo committee to be formed for FOL logo. Pam, Katie and Kim will work with Cassi on this committee. Renee suggested the new Library logo could be tweaked for the FOL. A lot of FOL and libraries do this. She also asked to consider a payment to Cassi for her designing the new library logo. Motion to pay Cassi \$100 for designing library logo and \$100 for FOL logo. 2nd by Jeanne . Motion unanimously passed.

Next Meeting: Nov. 18, 2022 at 915am.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Jeanne. 2nd by Pam. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned by President Ron at 1008am.

Respectfully submitted : Kim Calteux