

**TOWN OF ROME  
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
1157 ROME CENTER DRIVE  
5:15 PM, WEDNESDAY, August 13, 2014**

BOARD ATTENDEES: Jeanne Osgood, Elaine Momsen, Bill Lindroth, Jerry Wiessinger and Keith Johnson. Pam Hyland was excused. Jill Reese was absent.

LIBRARY STAFF: Lore Ponshock, Marilyn Bailey

Meeting called to order by President Jeanne Osgood at 5:20 p.m.

CERTIFY POSTINGS: Agenda faxed on August 4 to Rome Town Hall at 11:31 a.m., Nekoosa-Port Edwards Bank at 11:33 a.m., Pritzl's Trading Post at 11:34 a.m., US Bank at 12:10 p.m., emailed to The Daily Tribune at 11:56 a.m. and posted at the Library at 11:57 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Wiessinger motioned to approve the minutes from the July meeting as corrected. Lindroth seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

BILL APPROVAL: Wiessinger motioned to approve the bills from July 17, 18 and 31. Lindroth seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Barb Blair applied for a grant from Ho-Chunk Nation. Lore presented a letter turning down the application.

REPORTS:

Foundation Report: Bobbi Foster sent an email that the group had not met.

Friends of the Library Report: Lindroth presented an article he has prepared for The Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune detailing Friends future activities. Feedback was given and corrections were made.

Town of Rome Report: Wiessinger reported a change that will allow board members to attend meetings by phone. \$16,397 has been authorized to repair sinkholes caused by rotting logs in our town roads. The police chief has been granted permission to teach at MSTC. The Board has sent a letter to government officials opposing the CAFO. They are reviewing a proposal for a TIF district for Sand Valley. Former Library Board member Bill Kappel has been granted a bartender's license. The Board will hold a strategic planning meeting.

Library Director's Report: In addition to a written report, Ponshock said that she had received an Incentive grant for the Understand Tablets program and the Android tablet has been purchased. An MSTC student who works for the Town of Rome has reviewed the library's fire safety status for a class. Approximately 100 items per month are borrowed through Overdrive. These are currently not

represented in our statistics. Adams-Columbia Electric has grants available from the "Round Up" funds program they sponsor. She described "Flipster," a new electronic source for periodicals which is coming soon. There is a new Community Fundraising Resource Center which will have items available to borrow for fundraising events.

Lindroth moved to accept the reports. Wiessinger seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

BUDGET 2014: Johnson moved to approve the budget as presented. Wiessinger seconded. Approved unanimously.

REVISION OF RESPONSE PROCEDURES: Some minor corrections were made. Wiessinger motioned for approval. Lindroth seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

SECURITY SYSTEM: Ponshock gave her assessment of various proposals she had received. Motion to approve accepting the bid from Per Mar for free upgrade of our Dialer and Network Panel and security alert (with service) was made by Wiessinger and seconded by Lindroth. It was approved unanimously.

2015 BUDGET: Ponshock presented her proposed budget. Motion to approve by Lindroth, was seconded by Johnson. It was approved unanimously.

1:1 INCOURAGE: Johnson reported that no one from Incourage was available to attend our meeting. He suggested that we wait until Incourage is less busy with the Tribune building issue.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE UPDATE: Fundraiser at Camelot Frolics on August 16. Trapshooting fundraiser raised at least \$1200. Final numbers are not available.

FORMING A BUILDING COMMITTEE: Wiessinger will contact the Rome corporation counsel regarding how to proceed. Ponshock noted that SCLS design person will consult when necessary. The topic is tabled until September meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next monthly meeting date will be announced after a poll of members as several will be out of town on September 10.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Momsen  
(for Pam Hyland)  
Secretary