

Friends of the Lester Public Library of Rome February 25, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m by Ron Fregien, President. Officers present were Judy Ontl - V. President, Barb Herreid – Treasurer, Ron Fregien – President, and Jeanne Osgood – Secretary.

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2021 meeting was made by Katie Wittbrodt/Fern Fregien – carried.

Financial Report was given by Barb Herreid. The audit was done at the end of January by Ron Fregien and Jeanne Osgood.

Librarian's Report – Renee said she will need volunteers for Summer Reading Program, movies, and crafts. The microwave in the community Room died, and she needs a new one. Barb Herreid/Jeanne Osgood made a motion to approve spending about \$200 for a new microwave for the library. Carried.

Renee also reported that Adams County has applied for a Bookmobile to be shared by Adams Library and Rome Library. It will be housed in Adams, maintained in Adams, and Rome Library will have access to use it a couple times each week. If we get it, she will need volunteers to help with getting Library materials out to people who need them. The bookmobile will also have a hot spot for computer users to use as it is parked at the Farmer's Market, or at a central place in Adams County.

Renee also asked for help pay for programs i.e. summer reading program or adult programs. Lucy Silvester/Linda O'Dell motioned to give \$1000 to the library to support Children's and Adult's program for 2022. Carried.

Old Business

Book Sale in November - successful as we took in more than \$500. We will do it again next year. Library is not accepting donations at this time.

Holiday Fair Booth report - Bob Stoil donated pictures to be sold at the Holiday Fair. We did promote the Friends of the Library there, but only sold 4 pictures. We will probably not do it again next year.

Holiday Social report John Haugen had a wonderful program, but due to poor weather conditions, we had poor attendance. Suggestion was made to try having Christmas in July when more people are around and the weather might be better.

New Business

Art in the Garden – 2022 – Form a committee to work out the details. It will be held on July 9th. People are already asking about getting into it. Volunteers for the committee to work out details for Art in the Garden are: Dianne Genz, Ron Fregien, Linda O’Dell, Lucy Silvester, Renee Daley, Deb Rokke. The meeting will be held on March 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the library,

Jeanne Osgood/Fern Fregien motioned to set up a fund within the Friends of the Library Budget for maintaining the gardens. Carried.

Camelot Brat Fry – August 20, 2022 – Friends of the Library agreed to sell brats, hamburgers and hot dogs at the Frolic on Sat. Aug. 20, from 12-7:00 p.m.

Other fundraising possibilities – None suggested now.

Expanding membership in the Friends Group – Suggestions were more advertising, develop a poster to tell what the Friends do and why to support them, and create a Logo to be used at all programs sponsored by the Friends. Friends will set up a promotion table at the Art in the Garden. A committee was formed to work on a Logo and volunteers were Beth Wilmoth, Renee Daley, and Judy Ontl.

New officers needed to keep the Friends of the Library strong Barb Herreid will be treasurer for another year. We will still need a President, Vice President, and Secretary. Please consider stepping up to keep this vital group going.

Next Meeting - April 1, 9:15 a.m. at the Library

Items for the agenda: Microwave, summer reading program, Art in the Garden, Logo update, expanding membership in Friends.

Annual Meeting – June 3, 2022 at 9:15 a.m.

Jeanne Osgood/Katie Wittbrodt moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.