

Friends of the Library

Lester Public Library Rome. Wi

Jan, 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Ron Fregien at 917am

Roll Call of Officers: all officers present

Approval of Minutes from Nov. 18,2022: Minutes were read by Secretary Kim Calteux. Motion by Jeanne Osgood to approve minutes. 2nd by Linda O'Dell. Motion passed

Financial Report: Treasurer Barb Herreid reported Dec. accounts. Checking has \$29,477.14

Savings has \$4,111.36. She noted that expenses for 2022 were \$1690.94 more than intake of funds . This was due to a contribution of \$15,000 from Library Foundation in 2021 but was not spent until 2022. An audit was completed on Jan 18,2023.

Committee consisted of Katie Wittbrodt, Kim Calteux and Barb Herreid. Katie reported that the bank statements and checking register all matched and final total of sums were the same. Motion by Jeanne to approve the financial report. 2nd by Fern Fregien. Motion passed. Hard copies of reports attached to hard copy of minutes Barb also reported that the Amazon Smile program is going away. We have until Feb to add to this if buying from Amazon.

Librarian's Report: New staff furniture has arrived and being enjoyed. Shelf for adult area on hold until a new configuration can be determined. Community Room has 2 new tables. Summer Program has 2 performers arranged. Instead of giving treats for reaching their goal, children will receive camp dollars to be spent on items they choose. Toys for Tots: 3 1/2 boxes of toys were collected. Food Pantry: over 800 lbs of food and \$500 dollars were donated. Share the Warmth: 341 items were collected surpassing last years amount of 325. These were divided between ARDC and Adams County Head Start. Movies continue to be shown. Organizing of Library continues. Renee noted that in talking with Central the increase width for w/c access from 3' to 5' may be for new buildings but will make sure there is easy access.

Old Business: Camelot Frolics: Roman-n-Fest is that weekend , more food trucks present and having a fund raiser more closely associated with the Library was discussed. Motion by Jeanne to NOT do Camelot Frolics 2nd by Karen Weisenbeck. Motion passed.

Leopold Benches: Jeanne reported the "lumber is down" per Dick(builder) He will build 4 6'benches. If there is leftover or donated lumber he will build an additional 4 for learning area.

Community Shred Day: Linda checked into this. There is no company in this area that will come to site. She checked many agencies and leads. Companies included Shred

it, Shred Space, RIOW and Confidential Records Inc. Confidential Records charges \$815 for 2hrs \$940 for 3 hours. This includes travel, operator and bins. Shredding is done on site, 3 bags or boxes per person is allowed. There are dates opened (April 29, June 3, 10, or 24). This is contractual, everything is prepaid. There is a \$250 cancellation fee. Only paper is shredded. No electronics accepted. Police input would be obtained as to best site for this. Karen W stated for the extra money the 3 hour time would be better and a date in June when weather is warmer. Linda stated this could be a partnership with Romemakers for volunteers . Motion by Jeanne to move forward with this and sponsor 3hr shredding day in June. 2nd by Pam. Motion passed. (It should be noted that the other companies either did not do on site or were too expensive)

New Business: Art in the Garden put on hold. Donor wall update by Pam: 2 leafs added to wall 1: Visit Rome and 2: Frank and Linda Meyer. Visit Rome clothing sales dates at Friday Farmer's Market are open. Will ask for July 7 as first choice June 23 second. Jeanne asked us to think about a Quarter Auction. First paddle is \$5 with additional paddles 2 for \$5. Bids/paddles are done in 25cents increments. Eg. If a bid is \$1 4 paddles go up. One is being held on May 6 North Star Ent in Adams if anyone is interested in going. This could be a fun fundraiser. Question asked about a Book sale again. This could be in Oct. and can be coordinated with Patron Count and Scarecrow Walk. Collection of items cannot start until end of Aug due to space.

Next Meeting: Friday March 24, 2023 eat 915am in Library Community Room

Adjourn: Motion by Jeanne to adjourn. 2nd by Pam Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1020.

Respectfully submitted: Kim