

TOWN OF ROME
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
1157 ROME CENTER DRIVE
5:15 PM, Wednesday, March 11, 2015

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

LIBRARY STAFF: Lore Ponshock, Marilyn Bailey

Meeting called to order by President Jeanne Osgood at 5:17 p.m.

CERTIFY POSTINGS: Agenda faxed on March 10 to Rome Town Hall at 9:50 a.m., US Bank at 9:48 a.m., Nekoosa-Port Edwards Bank at 9:49 a.m., and Pritzl's Trading Post at 9:49 a.m.; emailed to The Daily Tribune at 9:48 a.m. and posted at the Library at 9:50 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned to approve the minutes from the February meeting made by Lindroth/Hyland. Motion approved unanimously.

BILL APPROVAL: Lindroth/Long motioned to approve the bills from February. Motion approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Information was received on our broadband usage, which looks adequate at this time. Ponshock sent a thank you to Mead-Witter Foundation for Grant money.

REPORTS:

Foundation Report: No report.

Friends of the Library Report: Lindroth reported work has begun on an audit and taxes have been filed. Osgood reported printing for the NYAT event at the same cost as last year, including 800 brochures and 500 half sheets.

Town of Rome Report: Wiessinger reported that the town has approved the hire of a limited term police officer and the purchase of another boat, motor, and trailer. The west side of Highway 13 will be the focus of the firewise cleanup. The town is getting bids on building remodel. There will be a meeting to discuss the direction of Rome on April 28 from 1 to 6 p.m.. Wiessinger will look into having the library represented at this meeting. April 21 is the spring annual town meeting.

Library Director's Report: In addition to a written report, Ponshock reported she will set up a table at the energy fair April 25th at the Rome town hall. Lori Djumadi asked if the library would sponsor an event at the "Weekend in Rome" June 25 – 28.

Hyland/Long motioned to accept the reports. Approval was unanimous.

BUDGET 2015: Lindroth/Wiessinger motioned to approve the budget. Motion approved unanimously.

WATER SOFTENER: Water tests revealed high minerals and a need to fix or replace water softener. Ponshock will get estimates.

ADJACENT COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT: Wiessinger/Long made the motion to direct SCLS to request adjacent county reimbursement. Motion approved unanimously.

1:1 INCOURAGE: April dates are being explored.

INCOURAGE LETTER INPUT: A letter will be composed including input from town, foundation, friends, and board summarizing where we are and options for moving forward.

BUILDING EXPANSION: Lindroth will report feedback from Lesters about direction of expansion.

NEXT MEETING: The next monthly meeting will be April 8, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. Items for agenda include: School board representatives

ADJOURNMENT: The motion to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. by Long/Lindroth. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Reese, Secretary