Friends of the Lester Public Library of Rome
April 1, 2022 Minutes

Ron Fregien called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

Roll call of officers – Ron Fregien, President, Judy Ontl, V. President, Barb Herreid, Treasurer, and Jeanne Osgood, Secretary all present.

Kim Calteaux/Katie Wittbrodt motioned to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2022 meeting. Carried.

Financial Report was given by treasurer, Barb Herreid. Fern Fregien/Pam Hyland made the motion to accept the report and place on file. Carried.

Librarian’s Report – Renee was absent.
   a. Volunteers needed for the children’s Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 9th.
   b. Bookmobile report- County did not approve funds for the Bookmobile. Subject will be re-presented at the next County Board meeting.
   c. Microwave report – it is purchased and installed.

Old Business
1. Art in the Garden committee report – Committee decided to use the parking lot for artist displays. Parking will be at the Clinic parking lot and in the center circle. Aspirus and the Town of Rome agreed to the parking plan. Flyers and registration materials will be in the library at the staff desk. There will be a children’s art table with projects if a Friend of the library can monitor it. Ron Fregien will cook hot dogs and brats outside to be available for purchase. The committee is still working on pricing for spaces, requirements of artwork if any, age of vendors and parental permission, signage, publicity, and grants to help support the event. Hours designated from 10-2 on July 9. Dianne Genz is doing a survey of space available to help determine the number of participants. Next committee meeting is set for April 25 at 1:00 p.m.
2. Camelot Brat Fry – August 20, 2022 – Barb Herreid has filled out the paperwork and is waiting to hear if there is a cost for the space. Logo Committee report – Judy reported there are many that would be suitable on the internet. Committee is waiting to hear from Renee as to what the Board thought about a Library Logo and if the Friends logo could somehow match it, or reflect it.
3. Poster report – Jeanne Osgood showed the group the colorful poster that Cassie Williams designed. All it needs is the logo once we have one.
4. Garden Club schedule and report: Deb Rokke reported on the monthly meetings. Next one will be on April 6 and topic is Planting and Maintaining Trees. A list of all the topics is online.
5. New officers – Ron advised that he will be stepping down; Judy also indicated that she would like to be replaced as well as Jeanne. Barb agreed to stay on to
provide some stability. Pam volunteered to be a nomination committee.
Elections will be held at the next meeting on June 3.
New Business – ideas discussed for change in Christmas party this year such as having a
mystery play or dovetailing with the library to have Christmas in July. No
decision was made.
Other Business – Pam asked about running the disbursement of the Roman Fest funds
through the Friends of the Library again this year because they are not a 501(c)(3)
organization. Barb agreed. Their main focus for a charitable contribution this year will
be a music area for children at the Town Center.

Next meeting – June 3, 2022 9:15 am Annual Meeting
   Agenda Items – new officers elected, Logo, Art in the Garden, Christmas party,

Motion by Kim and second by Pam to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.