

Friends of the Library

Lester Public Library of Rome, WI

July 22, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Ron Fregien at 922am.

Roll Call of Officers: President Ron, Vice-President Katie Wittbrodt, Secretary Kim Calteux

Treasurer Barb Herreid excused

Visitor: Ann Lepak

Motion to approve minutes from June 3, 2022 meeting by Pam Hyland, seconded by Roberta Stolt

Motion carried.

Financial Report waived by President.

Librarian's Report: Renee reported this is the last week of Summer Reading Program. Finale is Sat. July 23 at Papa Bear's. Children will receive free round of golf and ice cream courtesy of Papa Bear's. Adult Reading Program ends Sat. July 30.

Old Business: 1. Art in the Garden: this did not occur because of lack of artists. Main reason was the \$25 fee. Jeanne Osgood suggested having just a fun day instead of fundraiser. Renee questioned the month of the event. Asked about June vs. July. Jeanne stated that July is the better month for the gardens. Will revisit this in January.

2. Book Sale: Shelves are full and need to be "weeded". Renee suggested having the \$3 bag of books right on the first day instead of the last. Will take book donations starting in Sept. Dates Oct 16-21. Motion by Jeanne to sale 3rd week in Oct. Seconded by Pam Hyland. Motion carried.

Logo update for Library: The second round of voting has began. Down to 6 to choose from. Will try to have one picked out by end of year. Friends Of Library logo still being discussed. Ron suggested to wait until library picks theirs.

Camelot Brat Fry: Jeanne received a grant from Thrivent to offset cost. Also received t-shirts for us to wear. Spots to help are filling up. 1-4 slot still needs 1 person as well as the 4-7 spot.. Jeanne is still waiting on prices and thought we may have to raise our prices. NO cookies will be sold this year.

Rome-n-Fest: Jeanne moved to sponsor a 2 night table for \$100. Roberta seconded. Motion carried. Funds will go to Friends but also toward the musical park at the town

square.

Christmas in July: Turn out was very good. Food was good. Approximately 20+ people came. Will plan for next year again. Bring a Guest.

Summer Reading Program: 52 children signed up. 40 actively reading and 29 turned in completed reading sheet. By age group: 0-4 number of books read are counted and 361 were read. 6-18 the number of minutes read are counted 12,060 minutes read. Adult reading program 41 signed up and 29 turned in sheets. 195 books read since June.

Craft Day: not too full but this was held during Summer School which might account for this.

Alpaca Day: 80+ children attended. Very interesting

Animal day: 50 children attended and this too was very interesting.

Storytime was offered again. Had one rainy day. Leggo tower was built. Also story time is same time as Farmer's Market.

KINDNESS is the theme for next year. Question was asked about the cost for these programs. Renee budgets \$2500 (for all programs) plus a \$400 grant. She mentioned that the Logging presentation on Sept. 16 costs \$350.

Farmer's Market: Ron stated no one showed up as did Katie and Kim. Fern suggested a table for kids activities and we should have shirts with Friends of the Library printed on. Renee suggested having bubbles or glo-sticks for the kids.

Parking Lot Update: It is ready to be paved. ACEC working on wiring/poles. Still waiting for paving estimates. Money is available. \$15-17000 available through ARPA funds. Library fund has \$17,000 capital outlay. \$9000 paid out already. For clearing and ACEC.

New Business: Katie suggested having a folder for new members/officers with by-laws, constitution and duties of officers in it. This will be the new duty of the VP .

Next meeting: Sept. 30 ,2022 at 915am.

Motion to adjourn made by Fern. Seconded by Jeanne. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:19

Respectfully submitted:
Kim Calteux