

Friends of the Lester Public Library of Rome

Meeting Minutes June 4, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Officers present were Ron Fregien - President, Vice President, Judy Ontl Barb Herreid - Treasurer, and Jeanne Osgood – Secretary.

Motion by Judy Ontl/Pam Hyland to approve the Minutes from the October 2, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report was given by Barb Herreid. Kim Calteaux/Fern Fregien made a motion to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Donor Wall recognition for in-kind donations was discussed. Barb Herreid will check with the previous treasurer for records. Rene will check with the previous director and check some computer files.

Librarian's Report – Library will offer summer reading program beginning June 15th. Parents can sign their children up for the program on the library Website. Cassie, one of the staff members did all the artwork for the program. She did an excellent job and samples were shown to the group. The final day is July 24 and will be held at Papa Bear's. Volunteers are needed for all programs during the summer. Sign up with the staff if you can help.

Library community room is only open for library programs at this time.

Library is open on Saturdays starting in June from 9-2 to add to the current hours of M,W,F – 9-5 and T,Th 9-6.

Library is still a drop off site for the Adams Food Pantry.

A new staff member has been hired – Kathy Nelson.

Election of Officers – Pam Hyland/Kim Calteaux moved to nominate the current officers to continue for 2021. Officers agreed. All in favor and motion carried.

Old Business

1. Promotion of the Friends group- Suggestions were:
 - Put on Next door
 - Ask Visit Rome for help
 - Make flyers and put on windshields of cars parked at events in the town center.
 - Have a table at the Farmer's Market to promote the library

New Business

Camelot Frolics – August 21, 2021- Friends of the Library will check to see if we would have volunteers for this event. Jeanne Osgood will send out a request, a sign up sheet will be at the library, and Renee will post an announcement on the Website. Jeanne will also check with Camelot to see what other food would be offered there. If we have enough volunteers, we can do it. Decision will be made at the next meeting. Ron will check on the availability of the grill from his church.

Roman Fest request – Sept 10-11, Roman Fest will be offered at the new Lake Arrowhead building. It will be a sit-down dinner and show for \$30.00 per person. Table sponsors will be solicited, and the money will go to the Friends of the Library. The Friends of the library will also take the checks for the dinner reservations and work with Rome Players on dispersing checks to other local organizations. Tickets would be sold at Lake Arrowhead, so library staff will not have to deal with them. Pam Hyland/Barb Herreid made the motion for the Friends to partner with the Rome Players to offer this program to the Rome Community. Carried.

Other Business

Bob Stoil suggested the Friends of the Library sponsor an Art in the Garden event at the library. He would have all of his photographs available to display and sell, and 80% of the proceeds from his sale will be donated to the Friends of the Library. Other artists could be invited. Discussion followed. Barb Herreid/Kim Calteaux made a motion to have the Friends of the Rome Library sponsor an Art in the Garden day on Saturday, June 10. Details will be worked out at the June 25, 2021 meeting. Claudia Pastor, Kim Calteaux, Pam Hyland, and Jundy Ontl volunteered to help on that day. Jeanne Osgood will contact Visit Rome to see how they could help advertise and check if anything else is going on in town that day. Members will check with artists they know to see if some might be interested.

Next Meeting - June 25, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

Items for the agenda include Art in the Garden, Frolic,
Jeanne Osgood/Barb Herreid motioned to adjourn. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.