

Friends of the Lester Public Library of Rome Meeting Minutes Oct. 2, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Motion by Fern Fregien/Roberta Stoldt to approve the Minutes from the August 7, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Librarian's Report - October Program cancelled. Activity Reports – computer use has increased, no crowding at the library but people in and out all day, take a craft in a bag for kids is popular with young families, Adult reading program is popular with the adults/. The children's area is being updated with new kits ordered, the crawl wall, and bean bag chairs for kids. The Director is signing up for multiple webinars to continue to learn and get new ideas to use at the library.

The library staff will set up a space for the Halloween Drive-By on Oct. 31. They are giving away toys and bookmarks and dressing up with the hope of getting the trophy for the best Halloween space in town.

Old Business

Book Sale Set up –two people signed up for each shift except for Thursday afternoon and Friday. Thank you to those willing to work.

Book Sale Work Schedule – Thank you for signing up. We still the 3:00 – 5:00 shift every day, and 12:30 – 3:00 on T, W, Th, and F, and all shifts on Friday. If you can help, please contact Renee or Jeanne to let us know when you can work.

Patron counting week Schedule – Renee needs help each day, please call the library and sign up.

Promotion of the Friends Group will be done with a display board set up during the week. Invite your friends and neighbors to joining the Friends of the Library to support the Rome Library.

New Business

The Rome Library is partnering with the Romemakers H.C.E. to have Food Drive for the Adams County Food Pantry from Oct. 26 – Dec. 3 with the drop off site being the library. Food can be dropped off during the open hours at the library. Romemakers will take the food to the food pantry once or twice a week. People can call ahead to alert the staff if a food donation is being made by someone not wishing to enter the building and someone will come out to the car for curbside pickup.

Bob Stoil will hold a Wildlife photo sale for the week of Oct., 26 – Oct. 30. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Friends of the Library for use in improving the outside area at the library.

Next Meeting - December 4, 9:00 a.m.

Items for the agenda include a book sale report and programs for 2021. Kim Calteaux/Mary Betker motioned to adjourn. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.