

Friends of the Library

Lester public Library Rome, Wi

Nov. 18,2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Ron Fregien at 920am

Roll Call of Officers: all present

Approval of minutes from Sept 30, 2022 meeting: Motion to approve minutes by Pam Hyland

2nd by Jeanne Osgood. Motion unanimously approved.

Financial Report: Treasurer Barb Herreid reported on book sale monies. With the \$3/bag of books starting on day 1 more funds were raised. Over \$700. Pam noted that people were leaving donations and many just gave \$5 for the bag.

Checking account balance: \$27,807.17

Savings: \$4,111.36

Motion to accept financial report by Fern Fregien. 2nd by Roberta Stolt. Report accepted unanimously

Hard copy of statement attached to hard copy of minutes.

Librarian's Report: Renee reported that library budget was approved by Town at annual budget meeting on 11/17/2022. It is the largest library budget passed. Close to \$300,000.00. Increase mainly due to health, worker's comp. etc.

Events coming up: Thanksgiving craft on Sat. 11/19. Christmas craft in Dec. Reading challenge begins Dec 12. String craft for adults. Lacey therapy dog returning. Planning has begun on next Summer program. Camp theme and called Camp Kindness. This will be coordinated with the summer reading program. New furniture is coming for the staff. Another shelf is needed in adult reading area. Trying to determine how and where to put it. The new ADA regulation has changed to 5' width now instead of 3' for wheelchair access making it more of a challenge. The design for the library logo is complete, colors will change. The blocks and leaves on Donation tree keep falling off so a new adhesive needs to be found.

Old Business: Recap of book sale: The remaining books were sent to Assumption for their book sale. Dan Minter extends thanks for delivering books.

Update on outside: Gardners started working , Town cut down trees and brush cleared away. The path has been marked. Pine needles part of path. There is a designated area for outdoor space which will have a camping theme. The area will be "fine Tuned" to make sure there are no stumps. Using pine needles temporarily. Flags now designate it. There has been a donation of a wishing well and it has been set up. Can you find it?

Logo: Pam and Katie met with Cassie. Followed the Library's logo but added a child sitting next to the tree reading. Motion was made by Pat to accept the FOL Logo # 2 (the one with the child sitting) 2nd by Jeanne. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Barb and Ron met with Jay. They learned that Incurage Fund is an endowment which means only the interest can be used. This amounts to approximately \$4000.00. This is 5% of principle minus 1% fee that Incurage charges. The fund itself has between \$60,000.00-\$100,000.00 in it. Question asked if the money is not used can it be kept in to accumulate more interest or will go to principle. Can it go into a different fund?

The library no longer has late fees but does charge for damaged books. Renee asked if there could be a fund set up for people with financial needs to pay for the damaged books. Barb made a motion to set up a fund in amount of \$150 for year 2023 to pay for damaged books for those who cannot pay. This would be used one time only/person and at the discretion of the Librarian. 2nd by Pam. Passed unanimously.

Jeanne reported there is someone to make the Leopold benches for outside. The man will donate labor but material to be paid by FOL. Motion by Jeanne to allow volunteer to build the benches and to pay \$500 for materials. Judy amended motion to raise the amount to no more than \$1000. 2nd by Roberta. Motion passed unanimously.

Renee reported that people are coming to ask if papers could be shredded. A few papers are allowed but some are bringing in boxes. She asked if FOL could sponsor a Community Shredding Day? Barb mentioned that maybe Port Edwards Bank might co-sponsor this. This will be looked into.

Reminder that collection for food pantry is still going on. Renee reported that 200 pounds collected last week. Library is still participating in Share the Warmth and Toys for Tots. Money donations are accepted for all these collections.

Our financial reports will be audited in Jan.

Next meeting: Jan, 27, 2023 (after the audit) 915am in Library Community Room

Adjourn: Motion by Fern 2nd by Karen to adjourn. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1020.

Respectfully submitted: Kim