

Friends of the Library

Lester Public Library Rome WI

March 24, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Ron Fregien at 924am

Roll Call of Officers: Treasurer Barb Herreid excused

Financial Report: no report

Librarian's Report: Renee reports that staff left and new staff hired. Dawn is new PT staff and Heather, new FT staff will start after Easter. Summer reading program, Camp Kindness, is being done. Finale will be at Papa Bear's again. Will have Christmas in July. Library teaming up with United Way for a book give-a-way. Readers are needed for summer reading which takes place in the garden and at Papa Bear's in the big chair. Work on the learning/nature center with the gardeners to be done. The benches are made. Solar charging station has arrived. It is not as described. The 4', stick in ground item is a 12' pole that needs a cement slab and bolts. Volunteers to help with this will be needed.

Old Business:

Art in the Garden : no discussion .

Quarter Auction: This is now off the table. The only money FOL would get is off the sale of paddles. It is really for the businesses to promote their products. It is not beneficial for FOL.

Book Sale: To be held in Oct but further discussion on hold for now as staff is busy with Summer program.

Scarecrow walk: Still on table but no work done as of yet. Area needs to be cleared. Community event where community to make a scarecrow and vote for best one and prizes to be given. Jeanne suggested that scarecrows complement a character from a book. Community room could be opened for families to make their scarecrows. Supplies could be provided but stuffing of scarecrows must be done outside. Advertising and supplies done by FOL. A scarecrow to be placed in front of library as part of advertising the event. Will check with Visit Rome for the poles needed and get area businesses involved. Sandy suggested that this idea could roll over to a Christmas themed walkway also.

Community Shred Day: No permit is needed .Poster made. Renee suggested that the time be changed to all numbers (9am-12pm) instead of saying noon. Also to change it to say enter from Apache Ave and follow signs. Also to add next to Library where it says Medical Center Building. At this time no police officer is to be there but Renee will ask. Placement of signs discussed as was vests for volunteers. Renee will ask ski team

if young members could help especially with lifting. Jeanne asked about a lunch after for the volunteers. Motion made by Jeanne for FOL to cover cost of subs that the Library is unable to pay for. 2nd by Judy. Motion passed.

New Business: Bunco fundraiser put on hold. Karen W. will get more information. Renee suggested other fundraisers such as Swap Rummage sale. This is what Choose to Reuse is. Other suggestions were a Fun Fair, Art display, local musicians to play, family art day and chocolate tasting. Adams FOL does this and it is very successful. Linda will check into this. Sandy also suggested rock painting with the rocks being displayed along the walkway. Renee informed us that Papa Bear's does this and display along the course and it looks very nice.

Next meeting: Friday May 19, 2023 at 915am in Library Community Room. This is the annual meeting. Officers will be elected. Please ask friends.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Jeanne. 2nd by Sandy. Meeting adjourned at 10:13am.

Respectfully submitted: Kim

