TOWN OF ROME
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
1157 ROME CENTER DRIVE
5:15 PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014

BOARD ATTENDEES: Jeanne Osgood, Pam Hyland, Jerry Wiessinger, Bill Lindroth, Jill Reese, Keith Johnson and Elaine Momsen.

LIBRARY STAFF: Lore Ponshock, Marilyn Bailey

FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVES: None

Meeting called to order by President Jeanne Osgood at 5:22 p.m.

CERTIFY POSTINGS: Agenda faxed on May 7 to Rome Town Hall at 10:32 a.m., US Bank at 10:33 a.m., Nekoosa-Port Edwards Bank at 10:34 a.m., Pritzl’s Trading Post at 10:35 a.m., emailed to The Daily Tribune at 10:32 a.m. and posted at the Library at 10:32 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: An invitation was received from Lake Sherwood from Paul Pisellini to participate in the Dunk Tank on July 5. Bill Kappel has volunteered to do it for the library. An email was received from Jim Keith’s sister asking about making a donation. Jim was on the library staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Wiessinger motioned to approve the minutes from the April meeting with a correction. Momsen seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

BILL APPROVAL: Wiessinger motioned to approve the bills from April. Momsen seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

REPORTS:
Foundation Report: None
Friends of the Library Report: The next meeting is Friday, May 16 at 8:30 am.

Town of Rome Report: J. Wiessinger reported golf carts will be approved on 25 mile per hour streets. ATV’s may go through Alpine Business Park. Room tax will be increased to 8% from 5.5% with new reservations. 70% of tax will go for tourism and 30% to the Town. The new phone system is being installed. Both Town Clerk and Treasurer were voted to be appointed positions. Thursday, June 12, after the regular board meeting; “Discover Rome” Program will be held at the Gazebo. Sand Valley, a 100 million dollar project, will open two golf courses in 2017.

Library Director’s Report: In addition to a written report, Ponshock shared YTD data base use and mileage report. Computers are now upgraded to 10 mgb. Chad Lewis’ program, “Crop Formation”, may be held September 23 at the Town Hall. E-rate funding
is phasing out plain telephone service. Office 365, email, is going live on June 17 at no cost through SCLS. SCLS cost will drop in 2015 for Rome Library. Ponshock will attend an all Director’s Meeting tomorrow, May 15.

Reese made the motion to accept reports as presented. Wiessinger seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

CLUSTER MEETING AT MCMILLAN: Ponshock discussed loss of SCLS positions over time. Ponshock is on the SCLS Delivery Committee.

FUNDING REQUEST: Johnson made a motion to not request adjacent county payment for 2015 from Wood County. Momsen seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

BUDGET 2014: Wiessinger motioned to approve the Budget through April. Reese seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

SOLARUS PHONE UPDATE: Ponshock will wait until later in the year, when the library is not as busy, to have the system updated.

DISASTER PLAN: Board members were asked to take home plan to read over for next month’s meeting. Make notes in red. Let Ponshock know, via email, if you would like to include cell phone number.

FOCUS ON ENERGY RECOMMENDATIONS: The library has already completed the lighting evaluation, so Focus on Energy did not come.

LIBRARY GOALS FOR 2014: Lindroth made a motion to approve the Library/Librarian Goals for 2014 as presented. Johnson second. Motion approved unanimously.

INCOURAGE 1:1: An October evening was suggested to bring the community together for 1:1 conversations.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT: Osgood reported no more business visits have been scheduled at this time. Many events are coming up: Brat Fry, NYAT, Romen Fest, Trapshooting food sales, Camelot Frolics, Mystery Dinner and Oktoberfest.

NEXT MEETING: The next monthly meeting will be Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. Agenda items: CCC Report, Disaster Plan

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Lindroth. Second by Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Hyland
Secretary