

**Friends of the Roscommon Area District Library
Membership Meeting Minutes—August 8, 2023**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 12:06 by President Joe Battocletti. There were 19 members present.

Introductions: Joe Battocletti took a moment to thank Jim Engelhard for publishing the August/September newsletter. Any members who did not receive the newsletter via e mail, please let President Joe know.

Reports:

Secretary-Minutes: Minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting were presented. There was a correction: The date stated at the end of the minutes for our next meeting was August 15, it should read August 8. **There was a motion by Connie Allen and seconded by Mary Lou Jennette to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.**

Treasurer-Financial Report: Treasurer Lisa Sutton reported that there is \$9,708.19 in the Prime Share account, and \$905.27 in the Share Draft account, for a total of \$10,613.46. Connie Allen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Linda Udy seconded. Motion passed.

Membership: Lisa Sutton reported that there are 107, \$5.00 annual members.

Fundraising Task Force: Jim Engelhard reported that he has a friend, who has donated \$100.00 toward the Friends of Roscommon Area District Library, with a promise of \$50.00 ongoing annually. He reported that the outreach/fundraising thrust on July 8, (Art Festival/All School Reunion) was well worthwhile. Even with rainy weather, we met several new supporters and gained new members. Jim Engelhard reports that the fundraising group has set a goal of \$50,000.00. Part of that will be invested and enough will be liquid enough to support the library programs in grand style. It's always good to "aim high". He is working toward more information and grants, and will report more on that later.

Trustee-Library Board Liaison: Bobbie Werle reported that the Library Board have repaired/replaced the clock in the Community Room. The fence has also been repaired. The entry concrete has not been repaired as they are having trouble

finding someone to do it. Colleen Dyke reported she has another name to contact and hopefully it will be done soon.

Library Director's Report: Colleen Dyke reported that there were 85 in attendance at the Summer Reading Wrap-Up. There were games and prizes and hot dogs. In general, the summer Reading programs were a great success.

Greeters for the Aug 10, program: Joe Battocletti and Mary Lou Jennette will be greeters for the Aug. 10 Author program Marti Jo Link.

Back to School Bingo: Rita Battocletti volunteered to be a helper for bingo on Aug.16, and for the day before, stuffing backpacks. Aug. 10 is the deadline for donated school supplies. Thanks to all who donated.

New Business:

Fill Trustee opening: Mary Lou Jennette volunteered to fill the 3rd trustee slot.

Friends T shirts: After discussion, it was decided that rather than going ahead with Friends T shirts, buttons will serve the purpose, at least for now. Mary Lou Jennette and Connie Allen reported that there is no true mandate for any particular style of shirt, or shirts at all.

"Life Membership": After discussion and clarification about the idea of "life membership" it was decided that it is a pretty good idea. **Linda Udy made a motion to adopt the option of a "life membership" to Friends of RADL, for the price of \$100.00. The yearly membership option for \$5.00 will still be available. Jim Engelhard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.** Concerns about where the extra funds will be spent will be addressed by the Fundraising/ Outreach task force mission statement.

Announcements

Leadership Meeting- Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1:30 at RADL

Library Board Meeting- Friday, Sept. 1, 10:00 at RADL

September Membership Meeting-Tues. Sept.12, Noon at Radl

Ann Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 1:10, Connie Allen seconded. Motion carried.