Friends of the Roscommon Area District Library

Membership Meeting Minutes—September 12, 2023

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 12:02 by President Joe Battocletti. There were 15 members present. New member Kathy Reese was introduced. Chuck and Judy McLaughlin also attended as new members.

Reports:

Secretary-Minutes: Minutes from the August 8 meeting were presented. There was a motion by Ann Jordan and seconded by Mary Lou Jennette to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer-Financial Report: Treasurer Lisa Sutton reported that there is $9,708.63 in the Prime Share account. There is $1,025.77 in the Share Draft account, for a total of $10,734.40. Linda Brick made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, Rita Battocletti seconded, motion carried.

Membership-Renewals: Since September is the beginning of our fiscal year, members are invited to pay dues. Lisa Sutton reported there are now 44 currently paid members. We keep last years members on the email list for a few more months so they are reminded to pay dues. Also, our summer resident members who pay dues in July or August are counted as current members.

Library Director Report: Colleen Dyke reported on activities and programs that have occurred since last month. Yoga for children has started again, the Shred It truck had good attendance, and Casey’s True Crime Hour was a hit. There is an author visit coming up, and a Ladies Tea at the end of the month. On October 21, there will be a Halloween party with games and treats for children. Friends are invited to donate bags of candy for the party. The staff will also need some helpers the day of the party. We will ask for volunteers when we know more details. Colleen also reported that she has finally reached someone who can fix the concrete at the entrance….but not until next year.

Unfinished Business:

Presentation: “How FRADL spends our money” - Jim Engelhard has composed a short paragraph on how the Friends spend their money in anticipation of requests
for funds from the community. President Joe Battocletti asks that we each read the composition and respond to friendsoffradl@gmail.com with questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns. There was some discussion about some of the wording. This will be our chance to “fine tune” the statement to fit our needs. The statement:

The FRADL is a non-profit organization intended to provide support to the Roscommon Area District Library. This support includes, but is not limited to: Volunteerism in Library activities, increasing membership and supporting community outreach activities, supporting Youth and Adult reading programs, funding guest author visits and book signings, supporting non-author guest lectures, supporting youth summer programs and activities including games, and a cook-out, conducting a “back to school” backpack giveaway program and increasing the Friends Endowment to provide support in the event of changes in public funding for the library or to meet the needs of the library that are not supported by current Public funding (improving available multi-media systems and upgrading computers, etc.).

As a non-profit entity it is important to have available funds to sustain and improve upon the capabilities of our library to ensure the valuable role of our library in the community.

New Business:

Presentation of the 2023-24 Budget: Lisa Sutton presented the proposed budget for 2023-24. Ann Jordan made a motion to accept the budget as proposed, Phyllis Mills seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Filling the Trustee position: Mary Lou Jennette was proposed to fill this position. There were no other nominees. Ann Jordan made a motion to nominate Mary Lou Jennette for the Trustee position. Martha Clapp seconded the motion. Linda Brick made a motion to close nominations, Rita Battocletti seconded the motion. Mary Lou Jennette was unanimously selected.

Funds for the September 30 Tea: Colleen Dyke requested $250.00 to defray costs of the Ladies Tea. Mary Lou Jennette made a motion to provide those funds, Ann Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Friends representation at the Roscommon Rocktober Fest: Jim Engelhard is getting information about participation by the Friends of the Library in the “Rocktober Fest” on Oct.14 from the festival committee. Phyllis Mills made a motion to support our participation, pending approval of the Rocktober fest committee, and ok’d a budget of up to $50.00. Jim Engelhard seconded the motion. Motion carried. An e mail will go out soon with more information and ways that Friends can participate. If we go ahead with this event Linda Brick volunteered to put a “Michigan” basket together.

Greeters: Rita Battocletti and Ann Jordan volunteered to be greeters for the September 14 author visit.

Life Membership details: President Joe Battocletti clarified that the $100.00 lifetime membership is an option that will be available. But the $5.00 annual membership is also available and will be into the future. A by-law change is necessary to implement this lifetime option. Linda Brick made a motion to initiate a $100.00 lifetime membership option for membership. The regular annual $5.00 option will continue to be available. Martha Clapp seconded the motion. Motion carried. This motion will be announced, and e mailed to the membership. Then the membership will vote to change the by-laws.

Announcements

Leadership Meeting- Tuesday, Sept. 26-1:30 at RADL

Library Board Meeting-Friday, Oct. 6-10:00 am at RADL

October Membership Meeting-Tuesday, Oct.10-Noon at RADL

Adjournment: Rita Battocletti made a motion to adjourn at 1:06, Ann Jordan seconded. Motion carried.