

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Doug Dunlop. Present were members Kathy Baumstark, Debbie Maczuk, Diane Larimore, Blake Penberthy, Michelle Heiliger and new member for Warren County, Stephanie Norton. Also present was SRL Admin Stephen Campbell who introduced Stephanie.

Minutes of the January 2017 meeting were approved. A financial report for SRLF and Friends branches was presented. Several branches have over \$5000 in savings with recent Friends membership renewals.

The financial reports were approved and the meeting continued to a presentation from Larry Schroth who is a member of the Jefferson County Library Foundation. Larry is employed by Amerein and prior to his work with the JCLF he was active on the St. Charles City-County Library Foundation. Larry was involved in the building of the St. Charles organization and kindly spent time giving us a history of that organization and its fund raising. When he left the St. Charles group their big fundraisers were a trivia night, a yearly gala and an event called Art Uncorked which highlighted local restaurants, wineries and artists. The JCLF is in the growing stages and they recently hosted a successful fun run fundraiser.

After our speaker finished Steve gave a recap of the new library groundbreaking events. The events were all well received and attended by several SRLF members. The final groundbreaking was in New Haven where there were over 100 in attendance including 40 plus members of the family that donated the land. Steve also gave us an update on the building projects. Bids are being accepted and will be awarded before June.

Next the foundation discussed a logo for the SRLF. This will be separate from the Friends logo and the SRL logo. Library web designers are in the process of making SRLF link appear to be a more distinct and independent page. There will soon be e-commerce available so people can pay for Friends memberships on line. A logo will be part of this new page. Steve presented us with 6 possible logos and the foundation chose 3. The designer will tweak these 3, Steve will send them to members and one will be chosen as the SRLF logo.

Next, a donor wall for each library was discussed in detail. Diane Larimore spent considerable time with the company that will make our donor wall books and shelves. The company we will use is called WarmWood Interiors, owned by Craig C. Newmann. Diane brought mock ups of the books and explained the cost for the books and shelves. Our cost for one book will be maximum of \$37.50 regardless of book size or number of letters. The cost of an 8 foot shelf for displaying the books will be \$180. Diane also noted that the company guarantees their work but does not promise "no fading". Paint will fade if in direct sunlight. It will be important to keep this in mind when choosing the spot for the donor walls.

After considerable debate it was decided that all colors presented will be used except the lighter brighter blue. Books will be black, burgundy, navy, forest green and brown. Books will come in 3 sizes. Each book will have SRL across the top of the spine and the name of the branch across the bottom. Names of donors will run vertically on the spines and amount of letters will be at the

discretion of the donor. Donor will not chose color. Options chosen were the best quality wood and paint finish offered. Display shelf chosen was the darker oak shelf without a routed groove. There will be room for future donors even after the walls are assembled. The Friends chapters will be signing up donors.

John motioned that donations for the books will be \$100-\$200 -\$300. The \$300 donation will buy the widest book. Chris seconded this motion and motion passed.

Next big decision was how much of the donation will go into the Friends coffers. Although the SRLF has told the Friends Organizations that they keep monies they collect, this is different. There is a sizable cost involved here which includes time and money. Also the SRLF must have some operating capital and this could be a source. It was decided that SRLF will keep \$60 per book donation. This will cover the cost of the book, shelf and leave a small excess to add to the SRLF funds. It will be presented to the Friends as SRLF retaining \$60 to cover costs, friends keep rest of donations regardless of donation level.

Legacy brochures and bookmarks were then revisited. The project was explained to Chris and she agreed to act as editor on this project. Steve will forward information to Chris.

Final discussion of the meeting was about next meeting schedule. We probably need more than 4 meetings this year. Kathy made a motion that our next meeting will be in June 21st at 7 pm. rather than July. Chris seconded this and motion passed.

Doug adjourned the meeting just after 9 pm.