

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Doug Dunlop. Present were members Kathy Baumstark, Debbie Maczuk, Diane Larimore, Cate Radke, and Stephanie Norton. Also present was SRL Admin Stephen Campbell.

Minutes of the April 2017 meeting were approved. A financial report for SRLF was also approved.

Steve gave an update on the library building projects. Bids have been collected on all new buildings but bids came in substantially higher than projected. The library board is taking steps to address the building budget shortfall produced by these higher bids. Rather than cut square footage on the buildings, changes will be made on materials. Movable walls for the community rooms will be cut, as well all patios on the plans. Builders will be chosen by the end of July and building will move forward.

Friends Groups will prove invaluable when it comes to assisting with new library soft costs and future additions such as patios.

Debbie Maczuk reports that Friends Groups now total over 300 members, which is about what the numbers were in the previous year. Sullivan and Wright City still have no Friends groups. It was suggested that the SRLF assist these libraries with membership drives, as they did with all original groups. Doug agreed to work on a Sullivan mailing to the Sullivan Chamber members. Stephanie suggested other groups to contact, for example, churches through their bulletins. Wright City member drive has been put on hold because they have no building at this time.

Steve and Doug reported on their meeting with the Friends presidents. The meeting was held in early April and was productive. Friends presidents had many questions and some concerns. They mentioned the membership year and wondered why there was a specific timeframe for start of each year. They also made suggestions about the membership levels and wondered if a membership included more than one person. SRLF reaffirmed the yearly membership dates will stand. Consideration and changes will be upcoming on the membership levels and pricing. Debbie will bring a report to the next meeting which will show which levels have the greatest support.

A new link will soon be found on the SRL website which gives the SRLF its own page. It will be possible to get information about the SRLF, join Friends and donate through this link. Books for the donor walls will also be purchased here. Steve asked for members to review the site and make comments. Comments were favorable. Doug suggested that a page can be printed for those who need to send in a check as a donation. Steve will take suggestions to the programmer and work will continue.

SRLF then moved to discussion of the Donor Wall project. The company making the book plaques is ready to go forward. They will need to make books groups of 50 or more. Diane will see if it is possible to get more samples of the books to show to donors, possibly at each library

Before next topic, Kathy brought up book sale revenues. The Hermann Friends group is wondering when they will get the revenues from book sales as promised. Steve explained that in the past, SRL administration oversaw the book sales, including collection and dispersal. Until the Friends groups take over these responsibilities, revenues will continue to go directly to the SRL. The Hermann Friends group is doing the collecting, selling and recycling of books at this time.

Final business of the meeting was concerning legacy appeals. At this time work continues on a brochure and Steve is having it edited. Legacy information will also be available on the SRLF webpage. Working on a bookmark is tabled at this time.

Before adjourning, Steve pointed out that there are SRLF positions to fill in Gasconade and Warren County. Doug will reach out to Todd Witthaus at PSB in Hermann and ask for possible member suggestions. Kathy suggested talking to the head librarian in Hermann.

The next meeting is scheduled for July but will be moved to Wednesday, August 23rd, at 7pm, after the eclipse celebrations and July vacations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.