

Scenic Regional Library Foundations Board
Minutes of the January 23, 2019 Meeting
7PM, SRL-Union Branch

Present: Alice Whalen, Sandy Feldkamp, Stephanie Norton, Dot Schowe, Deborah Depew, Steve Campbell.

- I. Financial report – No quorum. Table until next meeting.
- II. Approval of October meeting minutes - No quorum. Table until next meeting.
- III. Library building project – The Union branch should be completed by June. The Grand Opening is scheduled for 07/20/2019. There will be a live band at the GO. Secretary of State, Jay Ashcroft will be speaking. The library purchased the former Alco building in Hermann. The future sale of the current Union properties will allow for the cost of renovation to the Hermann building. Part of the building will be rented.
- IV. Membership update – Time for annual renewals. Steve emailed the FOTL groups a template for renewal letters. Asked to send out in February.
- V. Foundation Board Vacancies – Hermann and Owensville. Diane Lairmore resigned and is looking for a replacement for her. Steve talked to Carol Lahmeyer from Owensville and is waiting to hear back on her decision.
- VI. Donations – Owensville asked for a digital sign. SRL will pay 25% and the FOTL will pay 75%. Union will split the cost of a digital sign at the new location between SRL (25%), the FOTL, and the City of Union. The FOTL groups at St. Clair, Pacific, Warrenton, and Sullivan paid for board book displays in the Children’s areas.
- VII. Friends of the Library Officers Meeting – Good turnout. There were comments about more recognition for donors. There is a sign at each library recognizing FOTL members by membership level. Steve will verify these are hung up and being updated. Alice would like to review the Foundation and FOTL bylaws. There are some conflicts between the two. Foundation members are asked to review them prior to the March 27 meeting, and we will discuss changes.
- VIII. Foundation Fundraiser – Discussion about having a Foundation fundraiser. How to best include the whole region, make the fundraiser appealing to anyone (vacation, Cardinal tickets, online auction, raffle, etc.). How to best use the funds that benefit all branches equally (maker items/purchase several sewing machines that would rotate through the branches, etc.).
- IX. Legacy Donation Brochure – This had been tabled during the building construction. Steve will share again and allow the current Foundation Board to review and comment.

X. Big Read Grant Update – The grant was due 01/24/2019. Grant announcement should be made in April. SRL will go ahead with the project even if the grant is not awarded. The author visit is dependent upon the grant approval. Activities will happen September-November 2019. The FOTLs gave 450 books to the project.

XI. Wright City FOTL Group – There are 20 members, but no interest in officers to allow the group to start meeting and working.

XII. FOTL 2019 Plans – New Haven: yes to summer reading program kickoff and spring book sale; no to donor wall auction. Sullivan: yes to summer reading program kickoff, murder mystery event, gala, and book sale; no donor wall auction in 2019, maybe 2020; more information after next meeting. Owensville: yes to spring book sale and Big Read. Pacific: yes to book sale, summer reading program kickoff, donor wall auction; more information after next meeting.

There are not enough boxes of books currently to hold spring book sales. Need about 100 boxes per branch; some have around 50 boxes currently.

XIII. 2019 Meeting Schedule – Decided at October we would have Foundation Board meetings the 4th Wednesday of odd numbered months. The next meeting will be March 27, 2019 at 7PM at Union Branch.

Adjourned.

Stephanie Norton, Secretary
01/29/2019