

Scenic Regional Library Foundation Board
Minutes of the May 22, 2019 Meeting
7PM, SRL-Union Branch

Present: Alice Whalen, Kjersti Merseal, Sandy Feldkamp, Stephanie Norton, Dot Schowe, Deb Depew, and Pam Idel

I. Financial report – Stephanie Norton made a motion to accept the financial report as presented by Kjersti Merseal, Dot Schowe seconded. Motion carried.

II. Approval of March meeting minutes – Stephanie Norton noted that Idel is spelled with one “l” not two; Stephanie will update. Deb Depew made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, Sandy Feldkamp seconded. Motion carried.

III. Library building project – Union branch is to be turn over to the library in late July, move in early August. Soft opening will be 08/21/19; Grand Opening has been scheduled for 09/14/19, 11AM-1PM. It will be similar to the other openings plus a DJ. The State Librarian and Secretary of State, Jay Ashcroft are scheduled to speak. Roof leaks were identified on the Hermann building. Those have been repaired and the HVAC system has been serviced. The new library will still depend on the sale of the two old buildings in Union.

IV. Membership update – There are 291 FOTL members; there were 313 this time last year.

V. Foundation Board vacancies – Kevin McFadden has resigned from his position on the Foundation Board, leaving a vacancy for Owensville are. Steve has talked with Sheri Hausman and Chris Stuckenschneider to fill the Hermann and a Franklin County vacancy.

VI. Donations – The Owensville digital sign will go in on May 28. The FOTL group donated \$15,000 toward the sign. The City of Union has backed out of their offer to pay for 50% of a digital sign at the new Union location due to budget cuts. They will review the budget again in August and see if they are able to pay a portion. New Haven FOTL are donating \$390.95 toward the \$640.95 cost of a raised bed for the New Haven Children’s program; it will be located near the children’s patio. Sandy Feldkamp made a motion to approve the donation, Dot Schowe seconded. Motion carried.

VII. Foundation Fundraiser – If the Union FOTL group does not do a donor wall auction or other event, we are interested in using the meeting room at the new Union branch for a Foundation fundraiser.

VIII. Book Sale recap – The Spring Book Sale is the highest grossing sale to date. Hermann, Pacific, St. Clair, and Sullivan had their highest grossing event.

IX. Big Read Grant update – We have been approved for a \$15,000 grant. This will cover the cost of the author visit in November. The award will be announced publicly in June. The Big Read program begins in September. A tentative schedule of events was shared with the Foundation Board.

X. Bylaws revision – Additional revisions were suggested. Stephanie will type up the changes discussed. We will conduct an email vote.

XI. Legacy brochure – Suggestions were made. Kjersti will take those back to Steve Campbell.

XII. Wright City Friends of the Library – There is interest in forming a group following their Spring Book Sale. Some individuals have an interest in an officer position.

XIII. Adjourn – Sandy Feldkamp made a motion to adjourn, Dot Schowe seconded.

The next Foundation Board Meeting will be July 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the current Union branch.