

Scenic Regional Library Foundations Board
Minutes of the October 24, 2018 Meeting
7PM, SRL-Union Branch

Present: Alice Whalen, Michele Fehlings, Sandy Feldkamp, Stephanie Norton, Steve Campbell, Kevin McFadden, Dot Schowe.

I. Financial report – Dot Schowe made a motion to accept the financial report as presented by Steve Campbell, Michele Fehlings seconded. Motion carried.

II. Approval of July 18 meeting minutes - Dot Schowe made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, Sandy Feldkamp seconded. Motion carried.

III. Library building project – Seven libraries have opened between May 21 and October 4, 2018. Union is in progress and anticipated to open April 2019. The decision on Hermann's future is dependent upon the sale of the current Union location and the possible need to purchase property in Hermann in addition to the construction.

IV. Membership update – There are 434 FOTL members across the region as of Fall 2018.

V. Annual Friend's officer meeting – The meeting will be 6-8PM on November 8, 2018 at the Union Senior Center. This year the Foundation Board members and all FOTL officers are invited to attend. Steve covered a few of the topics he will be presenting to the group on the 8th.

VI. Auction events – Six of the seven (not Wright City) libraries have conducted auctions for the one-year naming rights of areas of the library. The libraries made an average of \$3600 each. New Haven and Pacific held silent auctions. The others had an auctioneer present. The set-up of the events differed as did food and musical entertainment. Some had better attendance than others. Warrenton had no businesses attend. The board spoke briefly about how to address attendance and get a higher attendance at future events. This will be brought up to the FOTL officers at their annual meeting in November.

Hermann hosted an art event as a fundraiser. The event was held at the Hermann Rotunda on October 14. An event flyer and newspaper article was shared with the board. The final expenses had not been finalized at the time of our meeting, but income is anticipated around \$3,137.00.

VII. Fall book sale recap – Steve shared the book sale data. The sales brought in more money (in total sales) than last year. Wright City was new to the book sale, Warrenton was closed for construction and did not host a book sale. FOTL groups are encouraged to do all the work for the book sales in exchange for 100% of the profits. This includes the set-up, volunteer scheduling, take-down, and clean-up.

VIII. Fiscal year – The Foundation fiscal year has been January-December. The library has to switch to July-June due to IRS filing requirements. This has made auditing and reporting difficult with two

different fiscal years. The Foundation will switch to the July-June fiscal year by filing a partial report for January-June 2018, then switching to July 2018-June 2019 for the next filing period.

IX. Donor Wall books – 296 books have been sold for \$49,000; \$33,000 profit.

X. Meeting schedule – There have been some board members interested in a bimonthly meeting schedule; rather than quarterly. We will start this schedule in January 2019 (to avoid the November and December holidays). We need to return to discussion of a legacy brochure and there are many transitions of events and projects to the FOTL groups.

Washington Library is teaming with SRL and ECC for a literacy project, READ grant. A book is chosen and read throughout senior English classes in area high schools and the community. The author comes to town to discuss the book at the end of the program. The FOTL will be approached to purchase the books for the area schools.

Hosting grand opening-type events in May for a kickoff to the summer reading program, spring and fall book sales, and the annual auction are all large events that the FOTL groups will be required to plan and oversee.

XI. Foundation Board vacancy – Still an opening for Hermann representation.

XII. Next meeting – January 23, 2019. We will meet the 4th Wednesday of odd numbered months after this.

XIII. Adjourn – Dot Schowe made a motion to adjourn, Michele Fehlings seconded.