

Scenic Regional Library Foundation
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2021

This virtual (Zoom) meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on March 17, 2021, with the following in attendance: Steven Campbell, Alice Whalen, Debbie Depew, Sheri Hausman, Debbie Heggemann, Dot Schowe, Shelby Uffmann, and Susan McKee.

I. Financial Report: Total Equity for all the Friends groups is \$130,242.51. The report was approved unanimously after a motion by Sheri Hausman, which was seconded by Shelby Uffmann.

II. Approval of January 20, 2021, Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved unanimously with a motion by Debbie DePew, which was seconded by Sheri Hausman.

III. Hermann Branch Update: On March 16, 2021, the Scenic Regional Library Board approved the plans and the \$1.9 million expenditure for the Hermann branch. Steve showed a picture of the property, which was purchased in 2018. The exterior will be updated to look similar to other Scenic Regional libraries and will contain two exterior patios and landscaping. The interior will include a fireplace, a children's area, and a meeting room attached to a community art gallery.

Artists from the area can display and sell their artwork from the gallery, which could be open during hours when the library is closed. Sheri Hausman and Steve Campbell will meet at 10:00 a.m. on March 29 to discuss the details of operating the art gallery.

The Hermann branch also contains a large tenant space, which is somewhat larger than the library itself. It will be left unfurnished so that a tenant can design the space needed for his or her business.

Bids for contractors should be chosen by August, and the building should be finished by May, 2022, which is the 50th anniversary of the Hermann Public Library's joining with the Scenic Regional libraries. The completion of the Hermann library will fulfill the goal of doubling the square footage of all the Scenic Regional libraries.

IV. Friends of the Library Meeting and Membership Year: The Friends of the Library groups will meet via Zoom with the Foundation at 7:00 p.m. on April 15.

A. The Friends groups would like information on the time when book sales can safely be conducted. Steve thinks that we will have book sales in the fall.

B. The Friends groups would like to discuss when membership drives for new members and renewals can be safely started and when the groups can start meeting in person. Foundation board members feel that early fall would certainly be possible for membership drives and meetings if vaccinations continue to be widespread.

V. Foundation Virtual Fundraiser Event: The committee has worked out the details of the "2021 Book Bash Zoom," and a flyer is ready for the public to access on the library's website and on the Foundation's facebook page. Seven authors will present for 20 minutes each on Saturday, May 1, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Tickets for \$15 each will go on sale April 1. Each attendee gets a chance to win a prize at the 3:10 drawing. Prizes include a T-shirt, mug, or tote bag. If an attendee takes a picture of himself or herself at the Bash and sends it to the Foundation's Facebook page, he or she can earn another chance for the drawing. Steve will further advertise the Bash when he speaks on the local radio stations in Union, Sullivan, and Warrenton.

VI. Foundation Board Vacancies: Since Pam Idel and Lynette Watts have resigned from the Foundation Board, we will need to fill vacancies in Owensville and Hermann.

VII. Adjournment: With no further business, Dot Schowe moved to adjourn with a second from Sheri Hausman. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McKee