

Scenic Regional Library Foundation
Meeting
January 20, 2021

This virtual (Zoom) meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on January 20, 2021, with the following in attendance: Steven Campbell, Alice Whalen, Debbie Depew, Stephanie Norton, Dorothy Schowe, and Susan McKee. Since we did not have a quorum and could not officially vote on items, Steve presented informational highlights.

- I. Financial Report: Steve has featured people in the newsletter for whom memorial contributions have been donated. Recently the library received \$545 in memorial donations.
- II. Minutes: No corrections were noted.
- III. Hermann Branch Update: The design is finished, and the completion of the branch is scheduled for May, 2022. A highlight of the design includes a Community Art Gallery, where local artists can display and sell their artwork with the library receiving a cut. The building is large enough that a tenant could rent space on one side, providing more revenue.
- IV. St. Clair Community Garden: Because of the Covid 19 outbreak, the garden has not been used extensively. The St. Clair Friends of the Library financed the garden with raised beds and a pergola. On February 27, an informational Zoom meeting will introduce interested gardeners to the garden.
- V. Spring Book Sale / Thriftbooks: Since we were unable to hold a Spring Book Sale in 2020 and probably won't be able to hold one in Spring of 2021, the library could not store all the books. The library sent 1,000 boxes of books to Thriftbooks, which sold them online. The library made between \$9,000-\$10,000 on the sale, which is about half of what we would make with our own sale. Steve is optimistic that by Fall 2021, we will have plenty of books to sell in our own book sale.
- VI. Library Online Store: In November, the library launched a new online shop at scenic regional.org/ shop scenic. The shop sells T-shirts, tote bags, socks, mugs, and bookmarks. The shop is not yet making a profit. If the Foundation or Friends groups would like to sell items, it could be arranged.
- VII. Virtual Foundation Fundraiser: The committee is still interested in a Virtual Ball. Next month, Steve will give the Foundation Board a list of possible needs that we could finance.
- VIII. Other Business:
 - A. Dot Schowe said that she is compiling a list of businesses that are interested in displaying our Legacy Brochures.
 - B. Dot and the New Haven Friends answered Letters to Santa for children in New Haven, an enjoyable project and good publicity for the Friends of the Library.
- IX. The Foundation Board adjourned at 7:45. The next meeting is March 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan McKee.