

Scenic Regional Library Foundation  
Meeting  
July 15, 2020

This virtual (Zoom) meeting was held at 7:00 on July 15, 2020, with the following in attendance: Steven Campbell, Alice Whalen, Debbie Depew, Michele Fehlings, Sheri Hausman, Pam Idel, Dorothy (Dot) Schowe, and Susan McKee.

- I. Financial Report: Total equity of all Friends of the Library groups is \$128,597. The Union Friends had two large payments: \$1,292 for Percussion Playset for the Children's Patio and \$15,308.88 for the digital welcome sign. All groups are financially healthy. The Finance Report was accepted after a motion by Sheri Hausman, which was seconded by Dot Schowe.
- II. Approval of March Meeting Notes: The notes were approved with a motion from Dot Schowe, which was seconded by Debbie Depew.
- III. Legacy Donation Brochure: With Sandy Feldkamp making some final changes, the Foundation Board approved the brochure after Michele Fehlings made the motion, and Susan McKee seconded it. Dot Schowe will make a list of all area funeral homes, estate planners, and financial planners/lawyers to the whom we will send the brochures.
- IV. Foundation Board Vacancies: Michele Fehlings has been appointed to the Scenic Regional Library Board, so we will need a replacement from Gasconade County on the Foundation Board. We also need two representatives from Warren County.
- V. Membership Update: Friends of the Library membership is down by about 50% since last year at this time. We currently have 161 members while last year at this time, we had 327 members. This is a result of the Covid pandemic and the need to close our meeting rooms. With the Friends groups unable to meet or recruit, membership drives were impossible to conduct.
- VI. Membership Year: We discussed the idea of changing the Friends of the Library membership year from April 1-March 31 to either September 1-August 31 or October 1-September 30. The change would allow the Friends groups several more months to elect new officers, send out membership renewal letters, and hold membership drives. Because we do not know when meeting rooms will be opened and public meetings will be allowed, we decided not to set new dates for the membership year.
- VII. Friends of the Library Officer Orientation: This agenda item was tabled until applicable. We currently cannot conduct an orientation due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.
- VIII. Friends of the Library Foundation Appreciation Banquet: This agenda item was tabled until applicable. We currently cannot host a banquet due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

- IX. Scenic Regional Library Foundation Officers: The following members volunteered to take offices for the next year:
- A. President—Alice Whalen
  - B. Vice President—Dorothy (Dot) Schowe
  - C. Secretary—Susan McKee
  - D. Treasurer—Sheri Hausman.  
Michele Fehlings moved to accept the slate of officers, and Debbie Depew seconded the motion, which was accepted unanimously.
- X. Hermann Branch Update: Steve will make a proposal to the Scenic Regional Library Board in September to move ahead on the Hermann Branch.
- XI. Union Branch Friends of the Library Donations: The Union Friends made expenditures to supply 50% of the cost of the digital welcome sign and to buy the musical instruments for the children's patio (see financial report). The sign has been installed, but the instruments will be installed when the children's area can be safely opened. The children's area is currently closed due to the Covid 19 pandemic.
- XII. Foundation Fundraiser: The Virtual Fundraiser was cancelled because we couldn't publicize it after the library was closed due to the Covid 19 pandemic. A committee composed of Alice Whalen, Sheri Housman, Stephanie Norton, Debbie Depew, and Pam Idel will meet to plan the virtual fundraiser.
- XIII. Adjournment: Sheri Hausman moved to adjourn, seconded by Dot Schowe. Our next meeting is September 16 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Susan McKee