

Scenic Regional Library District Foundation Board of Directors
Meeting
March 18, 2020

This virtual (Zoom) meeting was held at 7:00 on March 18, 2020, with the following in attendance: Steven Campbell, Alice Whalen, Michele Fehlings, Dot Schowe, Debbie Depew, Shelby Uffmann, and Susan McKee.

- I. Financial Report: Total equity of all Friends of the Library groups is \$140,139.31. The Union Friends of the Library will soon pay \$18,000 for the digital sign and \$1,600 for outdoor musical instruments. Dot Schowe moved to accept the report, and Michelle Fehlings seconded the motion. It was approved.
- II. The January meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Debbie Depew, which was seconded by Michelle Fehlings.
- III. Library Closures: Today, March 18, was the first day that all Scenic Regional library branches were closed because of the COVID-19 disease. Returned items are quarantined for three days before placement on the shelves; however, borrowed materials are not due until the branches reopen. Libraries are scheduled to reopen on April 6, but the closing may be extended. Staff are continued to be paid, and many are working from home. Outreach is continuing digitally with programs such as story time on Facebook Live.
- IV. Legacy Donation Brochure: A few changes are needed before the final copy is printed.
- V. Foundation Board Vacancies: We are still looking for two people to fill vacancies in Warren County.
- VI. Membership Update: Membership plaques for original members are needed in Sullivan and Wright City. The Foundation Board suggests that paper lists of members be displayed in June and December.
- VII. Friends of the Library Officers Orientation: The orientation was scheduled for Thursday, May 21, from 6:30-7:30 PM at the Union branch, but the Friends groups may not be able to elect officers in April because of the COVID-19 meeting restrictions. All meetings in the libraries are cancelled until May 15, 2020.
- VIII. Wright City Branch Friends of the Library Update: They are currently having three to four people at their meetings and elected officers in January. They will work to have a book sale in May.
- IX. Hermann Branch Update: Horn Architects, Washington, MO, was chosen from three firms. A contract from Horn will be approved at the April meeting of the Library Board. We hope to have plans complete by this summer with completion of the building in 2021. The former library administration building will probably be sold soon. The larger library building has aroused some interest but nothing definite yet.
- X. St. Clair Branch Friends of the Library Community Garden: Dedication, which was to take place in March, has been cancelled. Other cancellations include the Author Fair at the Union branch and the April 3 Poetry Night with East Central College.

- XI. Union Branch Friends of the Library Donations: 1) For the digital sign, Union Friends will pay 75% (\$18,000) of the half (\$24,000) that the Scenic Regional Library will pay. The City of Union will pay the other half (\$24,000). 2) After receiving a \$5,000 gift from Anita Jaeger, the Union Friends will add \$1,600 for purchasing musical instruments for the patio. If these instruments are a popular addition, other branches may follow suit.
- XII. Possible Friends of the Library Donation Requests: 1) East Central College donated eight microscopes and is also willing to give four or five more of a different type for homeschoolers to check out in a package of five. 2) Mobile hotspots would cost \$30/month for each device with T-Mobile. The hotspot itself would be free. ATT and Sprint were also considered but are too expensive or have poor coverage, respectively. We are hesitant to ask the Friends to finance a recurring expense but would like to offer four or five at each branch starting this summer.
- XIII. Foundation Fundraiser: We want to sponsor a “Stay Home and Read a Book Ball” a week or two before the book sale. Participants will receive a \$5.00 voucher to use at the Book Sale. Because of the COVID-19 restrictions on group meetings, we will have to postpone our publicity. The Foundation Board now has a Facebook page. Steve will send the link out to Friends and board members so that they can “like” the page. On May 13, the library will be open for meetings.
- XIV. Adjournment: Dot Schowe moved to adjourn, and Shelby Uffmann seconded the motion. The motion passed. Our next meeting will be May 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM.