

Scenic Regional Library Foundation
Meeting
September, 16 2020

This virtual (Zoom) meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on September 16, 2020, with the following in attendance: Steven Campbell, Alice Whalen, Debbie Depew, Sandy Feldkamp, Sheri Hausman, Debbie Heggemann, Pam Idel, Stephanie Norton, Shelby Uffmann, Lynette Watts, and Susan McKee.

- I. New Member Introductions: Two new members were introduced, Lynette Watts representing Gasconade County and Debbie Heggemann representing Warren County.
- II. Financial Report: Total equity for all the Friends groups is \$129,837. The financial report was accepted with a motion by Sheri Hausman and seconded by Sandy Feldkamp. Lynette Watts asked about grants available to non-profit groups through the Cares Act. The Hermann Friends are interested in asking for grant money to replace lost fund-raising.
- III. Approval of July Meeting Minutes: Sheri Hausman made a motion to approve the minutes, and Pam Idel seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- IV. Legacy Donation Brochure Distribution: Sandy Feldman volunteered to help Dorothy Schowe to make a list of places to distribute the brochure. Sheri wondered if a press release would be a strategy, and Steve said that was a good idea.
- V. Membership Update: Friends groups have not met since February, so Steve is concerned that members will not renew. Current membership of all groups is 175. Alice suggested that librarians could contact the officers of the Friends groups to determine if they would like to discuss membership and recruitment via a Zoom meeting. Recruitment will begin in late winter and early Spring, as usual. We discussed the problem of members joining in the Fall with a membership of only six months before renewal time. Sandy Feldkamp suggested quarterly renewal letters instead of annual renewals. Alice suggested that we ask the Friends groups what they would prefer.
- VI. Hermann Branch Update: A contract was approved to have final plans ready in February, 2021. The roof in the old building has been replaced, and the parking lot improved. Completion of the new building is planned for 2022, the 50th anniversary of Hermann's joining Scenic Regional.
- VII. Strategic or Long-Range Planning: The Foundation Board scheduled a meeting for October 21, 2020, to discuss future strategic planning for the board. To be discussed: Besides over-seeing the Friends groups, what is the purpose of the Foundation? Do we want to conduct over-arching fundraising? What does the library need the Foundation to be in the future? It was suggested that a member of the Library Board should attend the October 21 meeting.
- VIII. Foundation Fundraiser: Alice Whalen will meet with the fundraiser committee.
- IX. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Shelby Uffmann, which was seconded by Lynette Watts. Our next regular meeting will be November 18, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by Susan McKee