

Scenic Regional Library Foundation Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2019 at 7PM

Union Branch, 251 Union Plaza Drive

Present: Susan McKee, Shelby Uffmann, Pam Idel, Alice Whalen, Stephanie Norton, Debbie Depew, Steve Campbell.

Welcome Shelby Uffmann, new board member representing Gasconade County (Owensville). Sheri Hausman was unable to attend again.

Financial Report. Debbie Depew made a motion to approve the financial report, Stephanie Norton seconded. Motion carried.

July Meeting Minutes. Pam Idel made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, Susan McKee seconded. Motion carried.

Legacy Brochure. The committee established in July met and revised the draft brochure we had previously discussed. The new version was reviewed with several recommendations for changes. Pam Idel made a motion to update the information on Word and send it to Steve for the graphic designer to create a draft, Debbie Depew seconded. Motion carried.

Board Vacancies. There is a vacancy for Warren County representative on the board following a resignation.

FOTL Memberships. There is an 18% drop on membership with 327 members as compared to 399 this time last year. We did see an increase in Friends memberships with the new library openings.

Annual Report to Library Board. The Foundation bylaws state that we are to provide an annual report to the Library Board. The annual financial report should be completed prior to the next Board meeting on October 15. Steve will present this to the Board. Stephanie has offered to attend to address other items not in the financial report; donor wall book sales and numbers, legacy brochure, Big Read Art Contest prize donation.

FOTL Officer Appreciation. This year the annual Officers Appreciation Banquet will be held on October 19; a Saturday afternoon luncheon. Previously there has been an evening program on a weeknight.

FOTL Updates:

Warrenton had questions about the role of the Member-at-Large. The duties are not well defined in the Foundation bylaws. Steve responded that they do not have duties but have voting privileges. The Foundation did not wish to revise the bylaws to address this.

Sullivan held a meeting on September 23. Steve attended. There were some concerns about being able to spend their Friends funds on certain items that are outside the need or normal uses of the funds. We discussed some ideas that could be recommended to the groups.

An Owensville member attended a recent Board meeting concerned that the FOTL groups are not being told what the Board or Foundation is doing. Up to date meeting minutes were not available online. Steve stated that the minutes have been updated on the website. The Foundation minutes, once approved, will be shared with the Friends groups.

Wright City has their first Friend meeting with Steve joining 4 of the 13 members. No officers were elected, but they agreed to meet again in November. Everyone is asked to bring a friend to the meeting and officer elections are expected. This will officially establish a Friends group at that branch.

Big Read Update. An art contest is being hosted by SRL. The Foundation has agreed to purchase gift cards from Michaels for prizes, spending up to \$500 (2, \$100 Best of Show and 6, \$50 Awards of Excellence).

Sponsorship Opportunity. Awards for Poetry Slam during National Poetry Month in 2020. The Foundation will look at this at a later date; following the art contest.

Union Branch. The Grand Opening was held September 14. 800 were in attendance; 360 hot dogs were handed out in the first hour and 15 minutes. Seven Union FOTL members helped hand out food. Three speakers spoke; ribbon cutting; library and Administrative offices tour.

Continue to think about possible Foundation fundraisers.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 20 (a week earlier than normal due to Thanksgiving).

Pam Idel made a motion to adjourn, Debbie Depew seconded.