

Scenic Regional Library Foundation
Wednesday, July 20, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at Scenic Regional Library in Union, on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. In attendance were Steven Campbell, Alice Whalen, Debbie DePew, Debbie Heggemann, Angie Hilbert, Stephanie Norton, Pat Aichholz-Schowe, Dot Schowe, Sheri Hausman (via phone), and Susan McKee.

I. Financial Report: Total equity for all Friends of the Library groups is \$164,206.44. The Foundation Board equity is \$3,746.
The Financial Report was approved with a motion by Sheri Hausman which was seconded by Debbie DePew.

II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 18, 2022, meeting were approved with a motion by Stephanie Norton, which was seconded by Debbie Heggemann.

III. Former member Michele Fehlings passed away at age 56. She will be memorialized at the Hermann branch with a picture. Michele was a member of both the Foundation Board and the Library Board.

IV. Nomination and Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2022-2023:

- A. Alice Whalen, President
- B. Stephanie Norton, Vice President
- C. Susan McKee, Secretary
- D. Debbie Heggemann, Treasurer

Nominations were made by volunteers accepting positions. Susan McKee made the motion to accept the slate, and Dot Schowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. New Hermann Branch Update:

- A. Friends' Tour Recap on June 24 and Soft Opening on June 27 went very well.
- B. Grand Opening will be July 23, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- C. Art Gallery will open on August 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

VI. Friends of the Library Requests Update:

- A. All Friends groups agreed to contribute \$175 to purchase Memory Kits, which the branches can check out to people with Alzheimer's. These kits contain sensory items to stimulate memory. An organization called *Aging Ahead* agreed to contribute \$2,000.
- B. Hermann Friends have purchased musical instruments.
- C. Adult reading prize baskets have also been purchased by Friends groups. The book chosen for the Adult Read this year is *Walking with Petey* by Eric O'Grey.

VII. Warren County Development:

- A. Wright City—finalized a deal to purchase close to one acre. The branch could be doubled in size.

B. Marthasville—finalized a deal to purchase 2 1/4 acres to build a library next to Dollar General on Hwy 47.

VIII. Legacy Brochure Distribution: This item was tabled for future discussion.

IX. Foundation Fundraiser Mailing: Yard Signs

- \$420.51—cost of mailing (postage and envelopes)
- \$2,775.00—amount donated
- \$2,354.49—net revenue from mailing
- \$3,161.00—cost for the 850 single-sided, 2-color signs and shipping
- \$806.51—difference

Susan McKee made a motion that the Foundation Board would pay for the total cost of the signs. Stephanie Norton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Future Fundraiser Ideas: Hermann Piano Bar—We will participate in this fundraiser on July 30, in two shifts: 7:45-9:15 p.m., and 9:15-10:45 p.m. Susan McKee and her husband George will cover the 7:45-9:15 shift. Alice Whalen and Stephanie Norton will cover the 9:15-10:45 shift. Steve Campbell will fill in, if necessary.

XI. Friends of the Library Groups—Procedures

A. Stephanie Norton suggested three changes for clarity:

- Under Article III, Section 1 and Section 2 should be reversed.
- Section 12 should precede Section 5.
- In Section 4, change the word “contributions” to “donations.”

Sheri Hausman seconded the motion by Stephanie Norton, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. We discussed a problem of one Friends group discussing topics that do not pertain to the mission of the Friends Groups and may cause distress to library employees. Susan McKee moved that President Alice Whalen send the group a letter explaining that discussion of complaints is not appropriate for topics at Friends groups meetings. The letter will include a copy of the bi-laws and an offer to visit them. Sheri Hausman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

If a visit to the groups’ meeting is necessary, Stephanie Norton offered to accompany President Alice Whalen.

Alice made a motion to add after Section 10 in the by-laws under Article III, Governance, a section, stating that a committee member may be removed with a majority vote of the Foundation Board. Debbie DePew seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

XII. Next Meeting: September 21 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

XIII. Adjournment: With a motion by Angie Hilbert and a second by Sheri Hausman, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McKee