

Scenic Regional Library Foundation
Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 6:00 P.M.
Zoom

The meeting was held via Zoom on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. In attendance were Steven Campbell, Alice Whalen, Debbie Heggemann, Angie Hilbert, Stephanie Norton, Jo Ellen Steineker, Pat Aichholz-Schowe, Dot Schowe, Shelby Uffmann, and Susan McKee.

I. Financial Report: Total equity for all Friends of the Library groups is \$160,450.19. The Foundation Board equity is \$1,366.

A. The Spring 2022 Book Sale brought in \$14,166.88.

B. The former library in Union was bought by the Union R-XI School District for \$950,000.

The Financial Report was approved with a motion by Angie Hilbert, which was seconded by Pat Aichholz-Schowe.

II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 20, 2022, meeting were approved with a motion by Shelby Uffmann, which was seconded by Stephanie Norton.

III. New Hermann Branch Update

A. Friends' Tour—June 24

B. The sale of Donor Wall Books will be encouraged because the branch has few. Alice Whalen asked if we could post the names of donors on our website.

C. Soft Opening—June 27

D. Grand Opening—July 23, 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. including food, drinks, music and special speakers

E. Art Gallery Opening—August 5 with a reception in the evening. Local artists will be featured from August to October with regional artists featured next.

F. Hermann Hospital is opening a clinic in the other part of the building.

IV. Wright City Branch Friends' Auction Event: The group held a Cinco de Mayo themed auction serving margaritas and chips with salsa. Their profit was \$3,140.

V. Friends of the Library Request: We are asking each Friends group to give \$250 to purchase Memory Kits, which the branches can check out to people with Alzheimer's. These kits contain sensory items to stimulate memory. The library did not receive a grant for which we applied. The total needed is approximately \$2,800.

VI. Warren County Development:

A. Wright City—close to finalizing a deal to purchase close to one acre.

B. Marthasville—close to finalizing a deal to purchase 2 1/4 acres.

VII. Legacy Brochure Distribution: Brochures have been given to financial advisors, funeral homes, and banks. No one needed extras at this time.

VIII. Foundation Fundraiser Mailing: Steve appreciates everyone who helped with the mailing of 744 letters to Chambers of Commerce members. So far, we have received five donations totaling \$450.

IX. Future Fundraiser Ideas:

A. Hermann Piano Bar—The group decided to pursue this idea. Alice, Dot, Stephanie, Steve, and Susan will volunteer to work the event.

B. Wine and Cheese tasting—Susan suggested that we might ask a local winery like Robler in New Haven and a local cheese maker like Cool Cow Cheese in Owensville to help us sponsor a wine and cheese tasting. It was suggested that music or some other entertainment would be needed to get people to attend.

C. Poker Runs—With gas prices, this might not be the time to choose this fundraiser.

D. Trivia Nights—If we could hold several Trivia events in places that our patrons would find convenient, this fundraiser might bring in a good profit.

X. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held in-person on July 20, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at the Union branch. One item on the agenda will be election of officers.

XI. Adjournment: With a motion by Stephanie Norton and a second by Shelby Uffmann, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McKee