

Scenic Regional Library Foundation
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2022

The meeting was held via Zoom on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Steven Campbell, Alice Whalen, Debbie Heggemann, Debbie DePew, 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 \$160,140.92. The Foundation equity is \$1,365. With a motion by Susan McKee and a second by Pat Aichholz-Schowe, the motion to accept the report was passed.
- II. Approval of Minutes: With an addition of a hyphen to Pat Aichholz-Schowe's name, the minutes were accepted as written with a motion by Shelby Uffmann and a second by Angie Hilbert.
- III. Hermann Branch Update: With a delay in the delivery of interior doors, the branch will be ready to open between June 22-27. Friends of the Library will be invited for a tour before the scheduled opening. The Grand Opening will take place in early July. The Art Gallery will open in August, first featuring 8-10 artists from Hermann, rotating the artwork every three months. The library will receive a 40% cut. The Hermann Trolley will stop at the library for tourists to visit the gallery. Eventually, artists from a larger geographical area will be invited to feature their work.
- IV. Wright City Branch Friends' Auction Event—May 5: With a Cinco de Mayo theme, the Friends will auction sign-holders featuring the business sponsors' names and/or logos.
- V. Warren County Developments: With a population increase of 30% in Warren County, preparations are made for future needs.
 - A. Warrenton is planning to expand their library from 12,000 sq ft to 20,000 sq ft.
 - B. Wright City has purchased a scant acre to add 8,000 sq ft to their 7,700 sq ft building.
 - C. For the city of Marthasville, 2 1/2 acres have been purchased for a library.
- VI. Legacy Brochure Distribution: Debbie DePew and Shelby Uffmann have distributed copies to several financial planners, funeral homes, and lawyers. Other Foundation Board members are planning on distributing their flyers soon.
- VII. Musical Instruments—Friends of the Library Group Donations: With a larger patio, Union has four musical instruments. The following libraries will have two musical instruments on their patios: Wright City, Owensville, Sullivan, Hermann, and St. Clair.
- VIII. Summer Reading Program Sponsorship: The Foundation would like to purchase yard signs for a cost of \$2,500. Susan McKee made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 to send out letters to members belonging to the eleven chambers of commerce in our Scenic Regional Library geographical area asking for \$100 to support the Summer Reading Program. Shelby Uffmann seconded the motion, which passed. Several members will meet at the Union library at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, to stuff envelopes.
- IX. Future Fundraiser Ideas:
 - A. Hermann Piano Bar—non-profits keep 50% of the cover charge. Members were favorable to the idea.
 - B. Book Sale Add-Ons—50-50 raffles, quilt raffles, or silent auctions could be possibilities.
 - C. Donation Bucket at the Book Sale with proceeds going to the Summer Reading Program.
- X. Spring Book Sale: Steve encouraged members to call our local branches to volunteer at the book sale, which will take place on May 12-14, 2022.
- XI. Next Meeting: The Foundation Board's next meeting will take place on May 18 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- XII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Shelby Uffmann and a second by Angie Hilbert.

Respectfully submitted by Susan McKee