

Scenic Regional Library Foundation
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2021

The in-person meeting at the library was held at 7:00 p.m. on July 21, 2021, with the following in attendance: Steven Campbell, Alice Whalen, Sandy Feldkamp, Debbie Heggemann, Pat Aichholz Schowe, Dot Schowe, Shelby Uffmann, Debbie DePew, and Susan McKee.

- I. Introduction of New Board Member: We welcomed Pat Aichholz Schowe, our new board member representing Gasconade County and the Hermann branch.
- II. Financial Report: Total equity for all the Friends groups is \$135,668.65. The report was approved with a motion by Susan McKee and a second by Sandy Feldkamp. Steve will try to increase the font size of the financial data, so that it is more easily readable.
- III. Approval of May 19, 2021 minutes: A change in Section III of the May 19 meeting was noted so that the last sentence should read, "The Friends groups requested that the membership year start on October 1 instead of April 1." After the correction, the minutes were approved with a motion from Sandy Feldkamp, which was seconded by Debbie Depew.
- IV. Elect New Officers: With a second by Debbie Depew, Shelby Uffmann made a motion to accept the following officer positions:

Alice Whalen, President,
Sandy Feldkamp, Vice President,
Susan McKee, Secretary, and
Debbie Heggemann, Treasurer.

V. Donations: Two St. Clair donors gave \$500 each to the St. Clair Friends group.

VI. Employee Banquet: Friends Groups gave \$175 for the staff prize drawings at the employee banquet on October 9, at the Riverfront Park in Washington. The library will close at 2:00 p.m. that day for a dinner. Every employee will receive either a monetary gift card or a free day off.

VII. Updates on Branches:

- A. In June, the \$1600 musical instruments donated by the Union Friends were installed in the Children's Area in Union.
- B. The Warrenton Friends bought a 22' inflatable movie screen for \$230 for their branch.
- C. The former Union branch building has been leased by the Franklin County Health Department for vaccine distribution ending in July.
- D. The new Hermann branch is on schedule for a May, 2022, completion. The Hermann Area Hospital will rent an 11,000 square feet section of the building for a clinic.

VIII. Future of the Scenic Regional Foundation Board: The Foundation was originally formed to organize and set up the by-laws for the Friends Groups. The groups are now functioning on their own, so what is our current mission as a board? What is our true purpose?

After discussion, the board decided that our current goal is to support the summer reading program that encourages kids to love reading and to utilize their libraries. We will raise funds to purchase incentives like yard signs that say, "My child is a Super Reader!" and gift cards for ice cream, or other prizes.

IX. Fundraising Ideas: We didn't decide on any specific fundraising events, but after we find out the financial specifics of our goal, we will. After getting the data on this summer's reading participants, Steve will estimate how much the incentives will cost.

X. Foundation Board Vacancy: We have a volunteer from Owensville to fill the board's vacancy.

XI. Next Meeting: Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

XII. Adjourn: With a motion from Debbie Depew and a second from Sandy Feldkamp, the board unanimously adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Susan McKee