

Scenic Regional Library Foundation
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021

This virtual (Zoom) meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on May 19, 2021, with the following in attendance: Steven Campbell, Alice Whalen, Sheri Hausman, Debbie Heggemann, Stephanie Norton, Dot Schowe, and Susan McKee.

- I. Financial Report: Total equity of \$133,969.42 has increased by \$3,000 because of additional dues and donations. Stephanie Norton made the motion to accept the report with a second by Dot Schowe. The motion carried unanimously.
- II. Approval of March 17, 2021, Meeting Minutes: The minutes were accepted as written with unanimous approval after a motion by Dot Schowe and a second by Sheri Hausman.
- III. Friends of the Library Meeting and Membership Year: Representatives from most of the Friends of the Library groups met on April 15 with Steven Campbell along with Alice Whalen and other Foundation members. The Friends groups requested that the membership year start on April 1 instead of October 1.
 - A. Sheri Hausman made a motion to change the by-law to establish the membership year from October 1 to September 30. Stephanie Norton seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.
 - B. A template letter will be available for Friends of the Library groups to send out in August or early September to past members and future recruits giving information about joining. Some of the points in the letters include the following:
 - If someone has already joined a Friends group, their membership will continue until the new membership year ending September 30 at no additional cost.
 - Orientation for officers will be scheduled for the first week in November.
 - The Book Sale will take place on September 16-18, 2021, with set-up on September 15.
 - Volunteers who help with the Book Sale will receive \$5 vouchers for purchasing books.
 - Friends of the Library will receive a 10% discount on the purchase of books.
- IV. Donations: In the last three months, the library has received three \$500 donations. One donor gave a \$500 donation to the Sullivan library with another donating to the Owensville library, and a third donor gave \$500 to be split between the New Haven and Hermann libraries. Each donor receives a framed certificate showing that they are lifetime members to Friends of the Library. Their pictures were printed in the newsletter.
- V. Foundation Virtual Fundraiser Event: The 2021 Book Bash Zoom scheduled for May 1 was cancelled because only six people bought tickets. The Foundation Board members discussed that winter might be a better time to hold a virtual event. Steve also mentioned that local author presentations aren't very popular in our community unless they have a historical theme or another attractive theme like haunted houses.
- VI. Future Fundraiser Ideas: This topic was tabled to be discussed at a future meeting.
- VII. New Business:
 - A. A tenant is close to signing a ten-year lease for the un-used, available portion of the new library in Hermann.
 - B. The library board has finalized the following COVID guidelines, which will be announced in the June newsletter.
 1. Effective today (May 19, 2021), masking is recommended but not required in the libraries.
 2. On June 1, 2021, children's areas will be open, and summer reading programs will resume.

3. On July 1, 2021, story times will resume.
4. On August 1, 2021, meeting rooms will be open to the public.

C. Four children from Wright City have completed “Thousand Books Before Kindergarten.” Their pictures were placed in the newsletter and on Facebook.

VIII. Future Meetings—Virtual or In-Person? After discussion, it was decided that the Foundation Board will meet quarterly starting with our annual meeting on July 21. The first meeting in July will be held in person while the other meetings in January, April, and October will be virtual. We may start earlier at 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. if that is convenient for all members. Steve will poll the members who were not in attendance tonight to see if an earlier time will work.

IX. Foundation Board Vacancies: We need members to serve from Hermann and Owensville.

X. Adjourn: The board voted unanimously to adjourn after a motion from Debbie Heggemann, which was seconded by Stephanie Norton.

Our next meeting is July 21, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McKee