Scenic Regional Library
Board Minutes – February 18, 2020

Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees met at the Scenic Regional Library Union Branch in Union, Missouri on February 18, 2020 at 7:03 pm. Kathleen Ham presided at the meeting. Those attending the meeting were Linda Andrae, John Barry, Karen Holtmeyer, Carla Robertson, Susan Richardson, Joy Dufrain, Paula Sutton, Bob Niebruegge, and Diann Wacker. Board members Leonard Butts, John Cheatham, and Carol Leech were absent. Steven Campbell, Library Director, Megan Maurer, Assistant Director were also present.

There were no public comments.

Linda Andrae and Diann Wacker requested corrections to the spelling of her names in the January 20, 2020 Minutes. John Barry made a motion to accept the January 20, 2020 minutes as amended. Diann Wacker seconded the motion. All voted Aye. The motion carried 10/0.

John Barry made the motion to approve the Financial Report. Susan Richardson seconded the motion. All voted Aye. The motion carried 10/0.

Director Steve Campbell stated that the library is 57% through the current fiscal year. All lines are trending under budget. He followed up on a point from the January meeting that the rate funding for new locations is not included in the MOREnet Real program. Director Campbell shared that the funds will be added by the State Library for future fiscal years.

John Barry made the motion to approve the Financial Report. Susan Richardson seconded the motion. All voted Aye. The motion carried 10/0.

Director Steve Campbell provided the following updates to his written report.

The sale of the former Administration building is progressing. A new roof will be put on the building as part of the sale. The appraisal is currently in process and could take up to two weeks to complete.

Director Campbell was contacted by Ability about the purchase of the former branch building. Ability is not interested in purchasing the building at this time.

New services for 2020 were provided in the written reports. Susan Richardson stated she thought the curbside service was great. Paula Sutton shared her enthusiastic support of the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

Alan Bell once again contacted Director Campbell regarding the installation of a bench outside of the New Haven branch to commemorate the service of former Library Board member Carol Bell. The project is moving forward.

The architectural presentations were provided by Michael Younglove and Tracy Collins from Paragon Architecture; Sue Pruchnicki, Jennifer Carlson, and Lori Everett from Bond Architects; Ken Scheer and Steve Strubberg from Horn Architects.
At 8:25 pm John Barry exited the meeting.

Following the presentations there was discussion. Paula Sutton appreciated the local appeal of Horn. Susan Richardson stated that Paragon had good experience and has worked in small towns, but that she also liked to stay local with Horn. Joy Dufrain also wanted to stay local with Horn. Carla Robertson pointed to Bond’s excellent work history and appreciated that Horn took the time to go view the Hermann property; she selected Horn. Linda Andrae liked the presentation from Bond, but appreciates tax dollars staying in the community and selected Horn. Bob Niebruegge liked that Paragon had a fixed rate for their fees and demonstrated how they came in under budget; Bond gave Niebruegge the greatest confidence, he selected Bond. Karen Holtmeyer was impressed with Paragon and their communication plan, Paragon also had a lot of experience with small libraries; she selected Paragon. Diann felt that Bond was very energetic, but ultimately appreciated the local connection with Horn. Kathi Ham appreciated all three presentations, she took special note that Bond acknowledged the rich history of Hermann; she selected Bond.

Paula Sutton made a motion to select Horn Architects for the Hermann building project. Susan Richardson seconded the motion. All vote Aye. Motion carried 9/0.

There was no new business.

Joy Dufrain made a motion to move to closed session. Carla Robertson seconded the motion.


The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:25 pm.


The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:37 pm.
There being no further business, Board President Kathleen Ham adjourned the meeting at 10:37 pm.

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Secretary

Approved:____________________
President, Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees

Date:________________________