

Scenic Regional Library
Board Minutes March 17, 2026

Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees met via Zoom on March 17, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Board President Kathi Ham presided at the meeting. Board members attending the meeting were Laura Hengstenberg, Joy Dufraim, Carla Robertson, Mandy Keogh, Renee Laune, Monica Hiatt and John Cheatham. Board Members John Barry and Susan Richardson entered the meeting at 7:05 pm. Board members Karen Holtmeyer, Sarah Rothermich, and Bob Niebruegge were absent.

Library Director Steven Campbell, Assistant Library Director Megan Maurer, Administrative Assistant Bree Hendrickson were also present.

There were no public comments.

Public Comments

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. They were approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Director Campbell stated that we are 66% through the fiscal year. He stated that all sections of the budget (expenditures) are around 60%. Director Campbell pointed out that Capital Expenses were at about 50%, but that we have some upcoming projects that once finished, will put that section where it should be.

Financial Report

Carla Robertson made a motion to approve the financial report. Joy Dufraim seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried 10-0.

Reports:

Director Campbell introduced Mandy (Amanda) Keogh to the Library Board. Ms. Keogh is a counselor at Sullivan High School and regularly uses the Sullivan branch. She will have the opportunity to introduce herself more fully in person at the April Board Meeting. Martha Lindsley submitted her formal resignation from the Library Board on February 27, and Ms. Keogh will be filling the Crawford County vacancy for the remainder of the term.

New Library Board Member-Crawford County

Director Campbell informed the Board that Cochran Engineering stated KJ Unnerstall Construction would not start on the project until the concrete drainage structures are delivered to the site. However, the contract end date is May 7. Director Campbell said he has an onsite meeting scheduled with the contractor and Cochran Engineering on March 18.

Hermann Drainage Project

Director Campbell said that the Storywalk in Warrenton will be installed Thursday or Friday of this week.

Warrenton Storywalk

Director Campbell informed the Board that he received 3 bids for the replacement of the exterior lights at the Union branch. The lowest bid was \$8,566.00 from Birkel Electric in Chesterfield. Director Campbell stated that

Exterior Lighting-Union Branch

the bid amount was lower than the amount requiring Board approval and that Birkel Electric was awarded the bid.

Director Campbell and Assistant Director Megan Maurer have been working on the community survey. Director Campbell stated that the survey will go out to a random sample of 7,500 households across Franklin, Gasconade, and Warren Counties. He plans to present the survey to the Library Board at the April meeting.

Director Campbell informed the Board that the Gallery at the Library tourism signs have been put up in Hermann. The Gallery's annual fundraiser event will be on March 27.

Previously, Director Campbell had informed the Board that the Library would be moving from T-Mobile to Mobile Beacon for its Wi-Fi Hotspots in 2026. When Circulation Coordinator Macee Garvey informed T-Mobile of the proposed move to Mobil Beacon, they proposed a new offer. Mobile Beacon charges \$10 monthly per device for Internet access. T-Mobile proposed \$15 monthly per device, down from their current \$30 rate. Director Campbell stated he countered with \$14, which they accepted. They also offer free device replacements, unlike Mobile Beacon. As a result, the library will be staying with T-Mobile and the new contract should still save the library \$43,000 a year beginning FY 2026-2027.

Last year, from mid-July to mid-August, Foundations for Strengthening Families, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization based out of St. Louis, visited the Sullivan branch of Scenic Regional Library on Thursday afternoons to distribute free breakfasts and lunches for children for the whole week. Director Campbell spoke with someone from the organization who said they plan to distribute food at all branches except Pacific, Warrenton, and Wright City. They are awaiting final approval from the state.

Director Campbell stated that Washington Public Library Director Nelson Appell and Board President Carolyn Witt met with the Board of the Four Rivers Genealogy Society to discuss the collection. Director Campbell spoke to Terry Wilson, with the Society, and it didn't sound as though they were going to relocate their collection to the Washington Public Library. They didn't think there was enough space.

There was no new business.

There was no unfinished business.

Community Survey Update

Hermann Branch Art Gallery Updates- Tourism Signs

Wi-Fi Hotspots Update

Free Breakfast and Lunch Distribution at the Sullivan Branch

Four Rivers Genealogy Society Collection

New Business:

Unfinished Business

*There being no further business, Kathi Ham adjourned the meeting at 7:25 Adjourn
pm.*

Secretary

Approved: _____
President, Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees

Date: _____