

HCRT Foundation Annual Report- 2017

Presented at the HCRTA meeting on Monday March 12, 2018.

The HCRT Foundation has met three times since the general meeting . We will be holding the organizational meeting of 2018 on Tuesday March 13, 2018. We will select officers for 2018 at this meeting.

The board members for 2017 were: Becky Chamberlin- agent; Gene Grime- treasurer; Terry Witt- president; Linda Wagner- vice-president; Steve Seagrave - secretary; Sandra Honemann - member; Jan Schlade - member. Jan Schlade has concluded her term on the board, Greg Merrill has joined the board, as the 2022 member.

Treasurer Gene Grime will provide copies of the financial report , and it will be the next newsletter.

The history of the Foundation has been updated, adding the names of book grant recipients for 2017: Emma Babcock- Griffith recipient, Taylor Fausey- Brubaker recipient, Michaela Jones-Sherman recipient; Anna Murcko- King recipient. We have continued to receive well qualified applicants for all the scholarships.

All four grants for 2017 were in the amount of \$1000, and the board has been able to increase each of the grants for 2018 to \$1500. The due date for the applications for the Griffith Grant has been extended to April 6, 2018 because the original due date, of April 1, is Easter this year. The information for the Griffith Grant has been delivered to the 4 county high schools guidance departments by members of the foundation board. An invitation to apply for the other 3 grants has been sent to all the 2017 recipients and applicants by email and a note will be sent to their homes, as well. Information about the grants will be presented to media outlets in Henry County. All the information about the grants and applications has been updated by Steve Seagrave, and they are available on the HCRTC website. There are handouts describing the grants available today if you would like to post them at a church or other location. Please feel free to encourage any qualified individual you may know to apply. The board has established a policy that an additional grant may be awarded of a direct descendent of one of the creator/namesakes of a book grant should apply. The applications have been revised so the applicant can indicate whether that circumstance applies to them. However, the person must meet the same standards as the other applicants.

We have awarded 45 book grants, totaling \$24,500, since 1998. You may contribute to the Foundation at any time by sending donations to Gene Grime.

Remember, the most effective tool to get well qualified applicants has been personal contact.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Witt- Foundation President- 2017