

HCRT Foundation Annual Report 2019

The HCRT Foundation has met three times since the general meeting. We will be holding the organizational meeting of 2019 on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. We will select officers for the 2019 at this meeting.

The board members for the 2018 year were: Becky Chamberlin-agent, Gene Grime-treasurer, Linda Wagner-President, Terry Witt-Vice-President, Steve Seagrave-secretary, Sandy Honemann, member, and Greg Merrill. Steve Seagrave has completed his term on the board and Jamie Bostelman has joined the board as the 2023 member. Treasurer Gene Grime will provide copies of the financial report, and it will be in the next newsletter.

The history of the Foundation has been updated, adding the names of the book grant recipients for 2018. Chloe Seedorf, granddaughter of Louis Griffith, and McKenna Koester –Griffith recipients, Anna Murcko-King recipient, Michaela Jones-Sherman-recipient, and Olivia Behm-Brubaker recipient.

All five grants for 2018 were in the amount of \$1500, which was an increase of \$500 from the 2017 grants. The due date for the Griffith Grant is April 1st. 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 of the 2018 recipients and applicants by email. A note sent will be sent to their homes, as well. Information about the grants will be presented to the media outlets in Henry County. Information about the grants and applications are also available on the HCRT website. There are handouts describing the grants available today should you wish 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 to a direct descendent of one of the creator/namesakes of a book grant. The applicants can indicate on the applications whether that circumstance applies to them. However, the person must meet the same standards as the other applicants.

We have awarded 50 book grants, totaling \$32,000, since 1998. Contributions to the Foundation may be made at any time by sending them to Gene Grime. Remember, the most effective tool to get well qualified applicants has been through personal contact.

Linda Wagner-Foundation President