

HCRT Foundation Annual Report for 2021

The HCRT Foundation met two times during 2021. The January 2021 meeting was cancelled due to the pandemic, and the March 2021 meeting to elect officers was done via Zoom. The organizational meeting for 2021 was held on Tuesday, via Zoom. Officers for 2021 were elected at this meeting.

Since the 2020 General Meeting could not be held in December due to the pandemic there was no election for a Board Member for the term starting January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2025. The Constitution allows the Foundation Board to appoint people to fill any open unexpired terms and so Karen Maassel was appointed at the March 2021 meeting.

The board members for the year 2021 were: Becky Chamberlin - Agent, Gene Grime - Treasurer, Charles Klamer - President, Jamie Bostelman - Vice-President, Steve Seagrave - Secretary and members Sandy Honemann, Karen Maassel, and Gregg Merrill. Terry Witt acted as Book Grant Chairman. Upon the death of our president, Chuck Klamer, in November, the vice president Jamie Bostelman assumed the office and finished the term of office.

Treasurer Gene Grime provided the 2021 annual financial report, and it was published in the March 2022 newsletter.

The history of the Foundation has been updated with the names of the grant recipients for 2021. Allyssa Jackson (2021 Napoleon) and Callie Seedorf (2020 Patrick Henry) were Griffith Grant Winner. Maxwell Weaver (2019 Liberty Center) was the Karen Brubaker Grant winner. Emma Burkey (2019 Napoleon) was the Lucille and Margaret Sherman Grant winner. Audrey Wade (2020 Napoleon) was the King Grant winner.

The grants awarded were in the amount of \$1500. (The due date for the Griffith Grant is April 6th.) The information for all of the grants will be delivered to the four-county high school guidance departments by members of the Foundation board. An invitation to apply for the grants will be sent to the 2021 recipients and applicants by mail. A note will be sent to all 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 HCRTA website.

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 Foundation has awarded 60 book grants, totaling \$47,000 since 1998. Contributions to the Foundation may be made any time by sending them to Gene Grime.

Jamie Bostelman, 2021 Foundation President