

Friends Board Please Respond (Fwd: Virtual Tour Project)

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Dear Friends Board Members,

At a previous meeting we had discussed the Iowa Library Association's efforts to gain virtual tours for member libraries statewide. The organization they are working with conducted a zoom demonstration for me at that time, but the turn-around for making a decision was tight, and the service is not cheap. I'd brought it up as a brainstorming item and your thoughts at the time were that we would address it if the discount was offered again.

They're extending the discounted pricing, though just through the end of this month. You can see some examples here:

<https://www.storycity.lib.ia.us/>

<https://www.siouxcenterlibrary.org/virtual-library-tour/>

See Nile's message below for details. Basically, a commitment by the end of July would put us at \$1,488.70, and otherwise it would be \$1,788.70. There's an additional 5% discount if there is payment in full by the end of this month.

To me, this is a "nice to have" as opposed to a "need to have" item. It would be a nice way to feature our facility and show off our recent renovations, but in a year when the Friends have already tackled a major project I'm unsure how you'll feel about it. I'm fine with whatever you decide.

Thanks,

Tena

Replies:

- Cheryl: My suggestion is we wait on funding this virtual tour group until we know the final costs on the Community Room. I would make that as a motion.
- Pam: I second that motion from Cheryl on waiting.
- Lili: I vote yes to the motion to wait.
- Dorothy: I vote yes on the motion
- Becky: I vote yes on waiting.
- Lyle: I also vote yes.
- Kim: I approve as well.
- Joan: I vote yes.