

Friends of the Emporia Public Library

June 23, 2025

FOL Building

June 2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, Dee Schwinn, at 5:02 p.m.

Present: President, Dee Schwinn; Vice President Ellen Klotz; Secretary Becky Sellers; Library Director Pauline Stacchini; Ron Sellers, Kathleen Dalton, Jessica Hopkins, Emporia Library Board representative Heather Caswell

Board members absent: Cindy Durbin, Harvey Foyle, Vicki Brooks, Treasurer Jan Ralston, Book Sorter Chair Ruth Gutierrez, Sandy Weeks

Approval of the Agenda: Ron moved and Ellen seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes: Two corrections were made to the minutes. Ellen moved and Kathleen seconded to approved the amended agenda. Motion passed.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Please see the electronic version of the Treasurer's report. As of 5/31/25, the balance in LCSB is \$ 16, 815.83. There were no concerns with the budget report. Jessica moved and Kathleen seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Reports:

Membership: Dee reported in Vicki's absence that there are 96 paid members and 91 lifetime members. There have been 18 new lifetime members since the option for lifetime membership was added this year. There are 33 unpaid members from 2024. These members have been sent a follow-up reminder. Board members were asked to review the list of unpaid members and contact anyone they know as an additional reminder to join the FOL.

Book Sorters: Kathleen presented the report in Ruth's absence. There were 101.50 hours worked in May. There is a need for additional book sorters and Ruth will train anyone that is interested. Ruth thanked the board for the light above the book sorter's table and those members who assisted with the recent sales and recycle packing. Ruth also wishes to acknowledge Judy Wild's significant contribution to the FOL. Judy's celebration of life will be Friday, June 26th at 1 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Barb Holscher had open heart surgery recently and is doing well in rehab.

Book Sale: We made approximately \$1,690 at the recent First Friday/Flash sale.

Library Board: Heather reported that there is a new board member, Terri Summey. At the recent board meeting, several committee reports were presented and the 2024 audit was reviewed. There was a presentation by the library director on possible renovations to the children's area and capital outlays were discussed.

Executive Director: Pauline reported that the performer for the last Kid's Konzert had to cancel. She is in the process of securing a replacement program. A presentation on the library's new streaming service, Kanopy, was presented. This is available to all library card holders. A discussion was held on the possible revisions to the children's patio area. This is the 2025 Match Day project for the FOL. She is also

applying for possible grant funding for this project. She would like to get a rubberized flooring for the area and extend the area to the front of the library. She is working with other vendors to get quotes and design renderings for this project. Dee reported she has contacted the family who has volunteered to assist with the video required for Match Day.

Unfinished Business:

Summer reading kickoff: Dee thanked the board members who assisted with this program and the Kid's Koncerts and Worm Race. One additional volunteer is needed for the 6/25 Koncert and Jessica volunteered. The canopy over the FOL table works great.

Book Locker: Pauline reported that the ribbon cutting for the locker was well attended. It has only seen one patron utilize the locker since it was opened but there are plans to advertise this service more this summer. It was also mentioned that the city has agreed to replace the roof over the FOL building and this, hopefully, will be completed by the end of the year.

Match Day: See information under the library director's report.

Midde Ground Books: There are now two shelves at the bookstore dedicated to FOL information and books. These are located upstairs at the bookstore. Ellen is checking with the owners about every 2 weeks on inventory of the FOL books to be sold. The bookstore is placing some of the more expensive books online to be sold. The bookstore is also advertising FOL membership.

New Business

Upcoming Events: Book Sale: The fall book sale will be October 17-22, 2025. The board decided to not participate in a First Friday event until possibly December 5th and to not have a Flash sale on the following Saturday.

For the Good of the board: We will need to have a future discussion how best to honor Judy Wild's contributions to the FOL.

Next meeting 7/28 at 5:00 p.m. in the EPL Large Meeting Room

Meeting adjourned 5:50 p.m.