

## **Friends of the Emporia Public Library**

**January 27, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room of EPL**

### **Annual Meeting Minutes**

These minutes will serve for the annual meeting and for the regular January board meeting.

**Present:** President, Harvey Foyle; Treasurer, Jan Ralston; Secretary, Dee Schwinn; Board Liaison, Harvey Foyle, Cindy Durbin, Vicki Brooks, Jessica Hopkins, Becky Sellers, Ron Sellers, Library Board Representative, Steve Younger; Library Director, Pauline Stacchini, Book Sorter Chair: Ruth Guitierrez **Members at large:** Judy Wild, Barbara Younger, Helen Pickert, Sarah Wyrek, Sandy Weeks, Kathleen Dalton, Dan Barnes, Gail Morton, Barbara Kear

Board members absent: Ellen Klotz

President Harvey Foyle called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Jessica moved and Jan seconded the approval of the agenda. The motion passed

Members and guests introduced themselves.

Vicki moved and Jessica seconded the approval of the January 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes minutes. The motion passed.

**Treasurer:** Jan gave details of the Treasurer's report She reviewed the end of 2024 budget. See attached report for balances. Jan explained the budget for 2025 and changes made from 2024. The budget for 2025 is %60,870.00.

**Super Friend:** Dee announced that Gene Graber is being presented the award posthumously through his daughter, Jennifer Graber. A plaque noting his achievements and including a picture of Gene will be displayed in the Friends of the Library building. Jennifer will also be given a lifetime membership to the Friends of the Library.

**President's Report:** Harvey presented his report for the year and thanked all the volunteers and board members for their hard work.

**Book sorter:** Ruth Guitierrez presented the monthly and yearly book sorters report. There were 72.75 volunteer hours in December and 1,275.75 hours for 2024. Holiday closings kept volunteer hours lower for December. No donations were accepted in December and the backlog of donated books is still being dealt with. These are the sorters for 2024: Ron and Becky Sellers, Dee Schwinn, Jan Ralston, Sandy Weeks, Ruth Gutierrez, Sarah Somerhalder, Barbara Holscher, Marge Nash, Mary Buckbee, Ellen Klotz, Vicki Brooks, Kathleen Dalton, Jean Bolson, Judy Wild and Nancy Croucher. The luncheon at Radius was appreciated by the volunteers. The main challenge for the year was several large donations. Twin Valley Development Services was very helpful and grateful to receive the recycling donations. A special thank you to Kathleen Dalton, Jan Ralston and Sandy Weeks for decorations they put up and to Judy Wild Nad

Kathleen Dalton for setting up areas for the First Friday sales. Ellen Klotz is noted for the internet pricing help to get good value on the Special Treasure items. Ron and Becky Sellers helped with this. Ellen also sorted and set up special displays such as the Civil War table.

**Membership:** Vicki reviewed the committee report for 2024 and explained that the member dues would be discussed in New Business.

**Yearly Planner:** The planner was reviewed and a motion was made by Vicki to approve and seconded by Sarah.

## **New Business**

**2025 officers:** The slate of officers for 2025: Dee Schwinn, President, Ellen Klotz, Vice President, Jan Ralston, Treasurer, Becky Sellers, Secretary, Ruth Gutierrez, Book Sorter Chair. Harvey offered to again serve as the Library Board Liaison. Each officer was voted on individually and all positions were approved.

**Thank you to president for 2024:** Dee thanked Harvey Foyle for his leadership of the board for 2024. She also reminded board members that we will meet 1/30/25 at 9:30 a.m. at the Friends Building to prepare the mailing for the membership dues.

**By-Law changes:** Article VI: annual budget preparation and presentation. Jan moved to make this change and Cindy seconded, motion passed. Article VII: Remove Internet Book Sales chairperson. Vicki moved and Ruth seconded to make this change. Motion passed. Article XII: Upon dissolution of the Emporia Public Library. Jan moved and Jessica seconded and the motion passed. Article VIII: Change in membership dues. Motion passed.

## **For the Good of the Board**

**First Friday and Flash Book Sale:** Dee reported that the Friends participated in First Friday Art Walk in 2024 by conducting a flash book sale. These were very successful. We also added a Flash sale to continue on the Saturday after the art walk. The cost to participate in First Friday is \$35 each month. The next First Friday sale will be 2/8 and continuing on Saturday, 2/9 from 9-12 p.m.

**Board Members:** Dee and Harvey explained the terms of the Friends board members and the need for new board members and possible duties of the same. Sandy Weeks expressed an interest in joining the board and will be in touch with Dee.

Jan moved and Vicki seconded that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

The next monthly board meeting will be Feb. 24 at 5:00 in the large meeting room at the Emporia Public Library.