

Friends of the Emporia Public Library

March 24, 2025

Large Meeting Room of EPL

March 2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, Dee Schwinn, at 5:00 p.m.

Present: President, Dee Schwinn; Vice President Ellen Klotz; Treasurer, Jan Ralston; Secretary, Becky Sellers; Board Liaison Harvey Foyle; Library Board Representative, Heather Caswell; Library Director, Pauline Stacchini; Book Sorter Chair Ruth Guitierrez, Ron Sellers, Sandy Weeks, Kathleen Dalton

Board members absent: Cindy Durbin, Vicki Brooks

Sandy moved and Ruth 2nd to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Ellen moved, Sandy 2nd to approve the minutes from Feb. 24. Motion passed.

Treasurer: The balance in ECF is \$37,156. We have available approximately 1/3 to 1/4 of the assets shown in the report as the balance is already committed. It was decided to proceed with the current budget information for the Match Day application. We will discuss amending the budget report in the future to include additional information. Sandy moved and Harvey 2nd to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Membership: No report

Book Sorters: Ruth reported that there were 100.5 volunteer hours last month. Important future dates: 4/3 1 p.m. prep for the book sale, 4/10 1 p.m. box up books for recycling 3/14 1 p.m. recycle truck here

Library Board: The city is considering a proposal for the Carnegie library. This may include an amphitheater and additional parking. There is no timeline for the proposal or date it will be discussed again. The streaming of the Kanopy platform is working. There were approximately 33,000 hours worked by EPL staff this past year.

EPL Director: Pauline listed several ways the FOL activities are advertised in the community, including: Chamber of Commerce, Visit Emporia, several places throughout the EPL, FOL website, Instagram, EPL calendar, the outdoor EPL marque, My Town media. The Friends of Kansas Libraries will be meeting at the EPL 4/18 from 9-3pm. Jan and Dee expressed interest in attending and Pauline will follow-up on this.

Unfinished Business

Coupons for summer reading participants: Sandy moved and Jan 2nd to approve the FOL making gift certificates available for Summer Reading participants for one free book with a \$2 limit. There could be up to 145 participants. These are given out for one week of the program. The motion passed.

FOL only film time at the library: Sandy moved and Kathleen 2nd a motion to sponsor a Friends only film at the EPL on April 12. This is free to FOL and refreshments could be served. After much discussion, the motion did not pass. This issue will be addressed again later.

Shelving: Pauline reported that there are 8 struts and 6 stacks available. Height of 90" It was decided that she will have these delivered to the FOL building this week and they will be stored until after the booksale. At that time the use of the shelving and modifications needed will be decided.

New Business

Book Sale: Postcards to be mailed to Life members were completed prior to this meeting. Dee will be talking about the book sale on KVOE this coming Wednesday at 7:20 a.m. Dee is in the process of signing up workers. She has several slots filled. She does need a board member to open the building each day. Flyers for the sale have been printed by the EPL. These are available for board members to distribute. Additional yard sign wires have been purchased. These will be slightly taller than the ones we currently use. Jessica sends out a mass media announcement of the sale and this should include The Shopper. Kathleen and Jan are working on another gift basket to be given out at the sale. Kathleen moved and Ellen 2nd that we reimburse Kathleen and Jan for the purchase of the basket itself up to \$25. The motion passed. Further discussion will be held at future meetings about the means to provide items for these baskets.

New FOL building doors: The new doors are a great addition to the building. Dee will write a thank you note to Kevin at the city for providing and installing the doors.

Match Day: The application for 2025 is due March 28. Dee and Jan are working on the application and Dee will turn in the application by March 28. Pauline suggested that possible uses for the 2025 funds would be for the children's area patio or a grand entrance to the children's area. It was decided to focus on the patio area improvements.

Kids Concerts: Two workers are needed for each concert. A sign up will be available at the next meeting. The scheduled performers are: 6/4 StoneLion Puppet Theatre, 6/11 Rockin Rob, 6/18 Jim Cosgrove, 6/25 Do Art Productions.

Summer Reading Kick Off: This is scheduled for May 28 at 3:00 p.m. Two to three helpers are needed from the board. Judges are also needed for the Worm Race on 6/17.

First Friday: The board approved participating in the 6/6 First Friday from 5-8 p.m. and having a Flash Sale on 6/7 from 9-12 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by Dee at 6:03 p.m.