

Friends of the Emporia Public library  
September 23, 2024  
Emporia Public Library

Members Present: Harvey Foyle, President; Jan Ralston, Treasurer; Dee Schwinn, Secretary; Vicki Brooks, Membership; Ruth Gutierrez, Book Sorter Chair; Ron Sellers, Becky Sellers, Cindy Durbin, Jessica Hopkins, Membership; Steve Younger, Library Board Rep; Pauline Stacchini, Library Director

Harvey called the meeting to order at 5:00

Jan moved and Vicki seconded that we approve the agenda; the motion passed.

The minutes of the August meeting had a few minor corrections. Ruth moved and Vicki seconded we approve the minutes with the corrections; the motion passed.

The Treasurer's report asked if there were any questions to the reports that were emailed to everyone. \$11, 544.00 will be withdrawn from the Foundation for the purchase of the book lockers. Following the book sale, \$10,000 will be given to the library for items they need, \$2,000.00 will be given to the Library for their account with the Foundation. Since 1994 the Friends have raised \$440,000 for the library. We should publicize this and look for members who would have been in the Friends at its inception in 1974.

Steve Younger gave the Library Board report. They are excited that the shelves have gone up for the book lockers so that project is progressing. They approved memberships for the Library and they were introduced to the Children's Librarian and learned about the services they offer.

Pauline shared a presentation on Banned Books giving an overview and statistics from the American Library Association. She also went over the policies that our library follows. There was some discussion about the appropriateness of some of the materials. We know that this is not our responsibility and that it is the parents responsibility what their children read.

Membership: Vicki reported that she has posters ready for the sale and flyers for the table and that dues are listed at \$25 for individual and \$50 for family and if they buy at the book sale, they will pay those prices and they will be good through 2025. Vicki will get the membership lists to Jessica and she will make the labels for the post cards that will go out. She will also get the order ready to give to Printing Plus for the envelopes to be used following the annual meeting.

Book Sorters report: Ruth reported that there were 133 ½ hours of volunteer hours in August. Books are still being priced and boxed and put in rooms to be added to shelves as items are sold. Altursa was contacted but never followed through with getting some books. The Children's Librarians did come over and take some of the children's books for Breakfast with

Santa. We will box books for recycling on Oct. 25, a Friday at 1; they will be picked up on either Monday or Tuesday of the following week.

Book Sale: Dee passed around the work schedule for the book sale for people to volunteer. She will be on KVOE On Line Chat on Oct. 9 to promote the sale. Jessica will sent notices to newspapers and libraries in the area about the book sale and get some key marques Pauline passed out posters that we can take around to various businesses. Ruth will take care of the College. Kathleen Dalton and Jan are putting together a gift basket to be won by a member. Dee moved and Cindy seconded that we add to that a \$20 gift certificate for a future sale. The motion passed. On the Friday we need two people at the door checking off names and addresses. Ruth and Harvey volunteered to do that. All members will get a free book up to \$5.00 in cost and anyone who makes a purchase will get a free DVD. We will get the postcards ready to mail on Oct. 3 at 1:00 at the building. Jan will get postage, Jessica will get labels, and Dee will get the postcards to Pauline.

Unfinished Business:

Dee has contacted Jennifer Graber about a picture of Gene to place in the building as a remembrance.

Pauline passed around samples of umbrellas we can purchase for the Kids Konzerts. We marked our favorite and we will make the final decision at the next meeting.

Match Day is approaching.

1. Video Premier – Live at Lyon County History Center  
September 13, 2024, 2:00pm – See Dates to Remember
  2. GOfund – ECF online access
  3. Match Day – November 18, 2024 – ECF Office
  4. Match Day Presentation – December 3, 2024 – Flinthills Mall
- Thanks to Harvey for taking care of this.

New Business:

Banned Book Week is Sept. 22-28

Friends of the Library Week is Oct. 20-26

We discussed the need for an archivist and a grant writer. We could also use a publicity chairman.

The next meeting will be Oct. 28, 2024 at 5:00.

Dates to remember can be found on the back of the Agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Schwinn  
Secretary.