

Emporia Friends of the Library  
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting  
Emporia Public Library Meeting Room  
October 28, 2024

Members Present: Harvey Foyle, President; Jan Ralston, Treasurer; Dee Schwinn, Secretary; Ruth Gutierrez, Book Sorter Chair; Heather Caswell, Library Board rep; Vicki Brooks, Membership; Ron Sellers, Becky Sellers, Ellen Klotz; Pauline Staccchini, Library Director  
Members not present: Cindy Durbin, Jessica Hopkins

Harvey called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Ruth moved and Becky seconded that we approve the agenda. The motion passed

Ellen pointed out a couple of typos in the minutes which will be corrected. Ellen moved and Jan seconded that we approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

Jan gave the treasurer's report and pointed out the highlights Ruth moved and Ellen seconded that we approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed.

Heather gave the Library Board report highlighting that they worked on policies and talked about hearing from Kendra Spade about her duties.

Harvey highlighted that we have just celebrated our 50th year as Friends. He especially thanked the current book sorters. He passed around a notebook which he had compiled.

Ron and Becky Sellers

Dee Schwinn

Jan Ralston

Sandy Weeks

Ruth Gutierrez

Sarah Somerhalder

Barbara Holscher

Marge Nash

Mary Buckbee

Vicki Brooks

Ellen Klotz

Judy Wild

Jean Bolson

Kathleen Dalton

Nancy Croucher

Pauline gave her report and announced that the awning is here and has been installed. Also progress is being made on the book lockers. She expressed concerns about the umbrella we picked as the one for the Kid's Konzerts. We are going to keep looking for more options to withstand the wind and give the protection needed.

Vicki gave the membership report. We gained 10 new members during the book sale and had 3 renewals. We are trying to figure out addresses and why letters are coming back for people that live where we sent them.

Ruth gave the book sorters report. Hours for September were 87 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. She thanked the people who helped box up the books last Friday. Ron and Becky Sellers, Kathleen Dalton, Ellen Klotz, Vicki Brooks, Dee Schwinn and Ruth Gutierrez. We will be loading the truck tomorrow, Oct. 29 at 1. We have books to bring out and price and put on the shelves. The library will be bringing over books that they have been holding for us. We have job security.

We need to address the need to either fill or eliminate the chair of the Communications Committee, Nominations Committee and the Internet Sales committee. This will need to be done at the annual meeting since it is a part of the by laws.

Book Sales report: Dee reported that we did well and had good workers. The Friends continue to appreciate their own time on Friday. We need to possibly have more 2 hour shifts and eliminate the 3 hour ones. We need to look forward to next year and set some dates including several first Friday sales and pop up sales. Dee will look into dates for these and bring that to the next meeting.

Dee moved and Vicki seconded that we honor the memory of Gene Graber by naming him our Super Friend of 2024. The motion passed. Dee will use the picture his daughter gave us and get an appropriate frame for the annual meeting. We will invite Jennifer to the meeting.

Match Day will be November 18. Letters will be stuffed and sent following the meeting. Dee will pick up the check on December 3 at the mall. Others can join in this celebration.

Jan will prepare a budget. We need to look for someone to learn the duties from her and assist.

We continue to be looking into an archivist or historian and for a grant writer.

New dues prices are in effect. We will officially vote on these at the annual meeting in January. \$25 for individual, \$50 for family and \$100 for life membership for those over 65.

We adjourned the meeting at 5:45 to work on stuffing the envelopes.

Dee Schwinn, Secretary

Next meeting is November 25 at 5:00