

Friends of the Emporia Public Library
January 22, 2024 5:00 p.m.
Large Meeting Room of EPL

Minutes

These minutes will serve for the annual meeting and for the regular January board meeting. Members met via zoom and in person at the library.

Present: President, Marcia Lawrence; Treasurer, Jan Ralston; Secretary, Dee Schinnn; Board Liaison, Harvey Foyle; Gene Graber, Cindy Durbin, Vicki Brooks, Jessica Hopkins, Becky Sellers, Ron Sellers, Library Board Representative, Sarah Wyrick; Library Director, Pauline Stacchini. Members at large: Jean Bolson, Judy Wild, Joanne Foyle, and Ellen Klotz
Board members absent: Vice President, Marybeth Janssen; Michael Lang, Book Sorter Chair, Ruth Gutierrez

President Marcia called the meeting to order at 5:01

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

Vicki moved and Jan seconded to approve the minutes of the annual meeting from Jan. 2023. The motion passed

Gene moved and Vicki seconded the approval of the December 2023 minutes. The motion passed

Jan gave details of the Treasurer's report She pointed out that she did not give the library their second \$10,000 check until in January from the approved 2023 budget for library expenses. There was also a question about the endowment check to the library which Pauline will look into and Jan will take care of. Becky moved and Vicki seconded the approval of the treasure's report. That report is in the records of the Annual report.

Jan also reviewed the budget for 2024 and gave the reasoning for the changes Gene moved and Cindy seconded that we approve the 2024 budget. Marcia thanked Jan for her work on all of that.

Book sorter report was read by Dee in Ruth's absence:

Volunteer hours in December were 67 ½. The Children's room is now set up and full. Oversized and coffee table books have taken over where the children's books had been. Windows will again be used as shelves for the Feb. sale. There is job security thanks to many donation and the handbook will be updated.

New Business

The bylaw language needs updated for article 12 to include the word Library after Emporia Public. Gene moved and Jessica seconded that we make those changes. The motion passed.

The Super Friends Award will be presented in February.

The slate of officers was presented: Harvey Foyle, President; Gene Graber, Vice President; Jan Ralston, Treasurer; Dee Schwinn, Secretary; Harvey Foye, Board Liaison; and Ruth Gutierrez, Book Sorter Chair.

Vicki moved and Jan seconded to approve the slate of officers. The motion passed.

Changes in the Calendar were presented. This discussion was tabled until the February meeting.

Also the Audit for the 2023 books will be initiated in February.

Since three board members (Michael, Mary Beth and Marcia) will be going off the board, we will need to be recruiting more members for the board.

For the Good of the Board

Harvey thanked the book sorters for all of the work they do because without them our fund raising is limited.

Marcia was thanked for her service to the board.

The Membership committee of Jessica and Vicki was thanked for their work on increasing membership

Ellen asked if there would be a way that the minutes of each board meeting could be shared with the general membership. After the minutes are approved, Dee will place them in the Friends building in a notebook and Pauline will make sure that they are on the website.

Dee asked for volunteers for the Feb. 10 book sale. That sale will last from 9-3

Jan moved and Gene seconded that we adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50.

The next meeting will be Feb. 26 at 5:00 in the large meeting room at the Emporia Public Library.

Book sorters will be at the building on Tuesday from 9-12, Wednesday from 1-3, and Thursday 9-11:30 and 1-3

Feb. 10 Book sale from 9-3

Feb. 18-19 Library is closed for President's Day

Feb 26 Next Board meeting at 5