

Friends of the Emporia Public Library
Minutes
August 28, 2023

Members present: Marcia Lawrence, president; Mary Beth Janssen, vice president; Dee Schwinn, secretary; Ruth Gutierrez, book sorter chair, Ron Sellers, Becky Sellers, Jessica Hopkins, Cindy Durbin, Vicki Brooks, Gene Graber, Harvey Foyle, board liaison; Sarah Wyrick, board rep; Michael Lang, Pauline Stacchini, library director.
Member not present: Jan Ralston, treasurer

President Marcia called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the large meeting room of the Emporia Public Library.

Michael moved and Gene seconded the adoption of the agenda with the addition of the audit report. Motion passed.

Vicki moved and Mary Beth seconded the approval of the minutes which were distributed electronically. Motion passed.

We received the treasurer's report electronically. It will be approved when the treasurer is present for questions.

Harvey gave the Library Board report. The Library audit was approved. Megan Love is the new person in charge of Children's services replacing retiring Lori Heller on Oct. 1. The Carnegie Library continues to be a saga. The board supported the ALA statement on the Freedom Act. Sarah added that Kendra Spade is now an Assistant Director. The book locker installment in Peter Pan Park is awaiting approval from the city.

Library Director's report: Pauline detailed more about the hirings and titles of staff. The book lockers are being discussed as to who is responsible for what..they will be ordered which everything is in place for the installation. Kits now available included Blood pressure kits and sun calculators.

Committee reports and Unfinished Business

Membership; Vicki is not sure but there without confirmation from Jan we don't know who the new members are. The disgruntled person was contacted by Marcia. It is clear now with the board that memberships are renewed in January and a letter is sent with a membership form in it in January to all current members. It was also determined that if someone is in disagreement with whether they are a member or not, we will let them in and figure it out later. The person checking membership will be informed of this

FIRE ALARM

We continued the meeting outside in the parking lot while the firemen investigated.

Book Sorter report:

Ruth reported that there were 95 and ¾ hours volunteered. 97 boxes of books were taken from an apartment and moved to the Friends building. Thanks to Ruth, Ron, Becky, Gene, Harvey and Dee for their assistance. The library has gone through and taken any they want for circulation and now we will be pricing them. There are booklets about book sorting available to any board member who wants one. All of the book sorters have them.

Meeting resumed inside—just a faulty smoke detector

Match Day:

The video debut will be at the Lyon County History Center at 2:00 p.m. on Sept 15.

October 11 is the KVOE interview for Match Day. They wanted to know how many posters we wanted and we were confused but finally decided on 5 posters.

Audit:

The audit committee of Michael, Mary Beth, Jan, and Gene met. When they get a report from the Community Foundation they will present a written report.

Signage:

Cindy has contacted Kevin Hamlin with the city and we are a go for the vinyl letters on the front of the building. Dee moved and Vicki seconded that we purchase these letters which will be installed by Coffelt Signs and that we purchase an open flag for the flag holder on the front of the building from another source. The motion passed. Thanks to Cindy for her work on this

Saturday openings and First Friday openings were deemed as not something we wish to pursue.

We do not need to act on the Freedom to Read statement because as Harvey pointed out this is already addressed in our constitution.

The Olpe school has been thanked for their donation. Our constitution says that we will give no money for any book donations. It was decided that we would do a poster to be put up at the book sale publicly thanking those who give large donations.

New Business

Marcia received an email from the police looking for donations to the library at the jail. She gave that to Ruth to handle. She also received one from the Canton Library asking for information on starting a Friends group. Dee will take care of that.

Good of the Board

Harvey recommended a book..Red Code

Michael announced that at 9:00 a.m. in September there will be a First Friday Friends of the Library session. Contact Michael for more information.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00

Next meeting is September 25 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room

Dates to remember

FOL building open on Tuesday from 9-12, Wednesdays from 1-3 and Thursdays from 9-11;30 and 1-3

EPL closed Sept 3-4 for Labor Day

EPL closed October 9 for training

Fall Book Sale: November 4-9

EPL closed for Veterans Day November 11

Match Day: November 13

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Schwinn, secretary