

Friends of the Emporia Public Library

May 19, 2025

FOL Building

May 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; Library Director Pauline Stacchini; Book Sorter Chair Ruth Gutierrez, Ron Sellers, Sandy Weeks, Kathleen Dalton

Board members absent: Cindy Durbin, Harvey Foyle, Heather Caswell, Vicki Brooks, Jessica Hopkins

Approval of the Agenda: Ruth moved and Jan seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed

Approval of the Minutes: Several corrections to the minutes were made. Sandy moved and Ellen seconded to approved the amended agenda. Motion passed. Becky will forward a revised copy of the minutes to Pauline and written copies of this year's minutes for the files at the FOL building.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Please see the electronic version of the Treasurer's report. As of 4/31/25, The balance in LCSB is \$ 26, 866.78. The ECF balance is \$37,156.83. Sandy moved and Ellen seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Reports:

Membership: Dee reported in Vicki's absence that 45 letters were sent out to members that have not renewed their membership. Since that mailing, 4 members have renewed. A general discussion was held regarding reasons the remaining members have not renewed and how to follow-up with these members. No specific action was taken but it was suggested that a follow-up call might be beneficial. It was suggested that we have a board member at the membership table for the next book sale.

Book Sorters: There were 164.25 hours worked in April. Ruth thanked the board for the appreciation luncheon the volunteers attended this past month. The new shelves are in place. Some of the bookshelves need to be secured to the wall. We did have an extra-large book donation this past month. Set up for the Flash sale will be 6/5 at 1 p.m. There is still work needed on the main door threshold and the carpet seam in one of the back rooms. Pauline will follow-up on these items.

Library Board: Pauline reported in the absence of Heather and Harvey: New officers were elected: Alex Mosakowski: President, Scott Capes: Vice President, Jessica Lobbs: Secretary, Sarah Wyrick: Treasurer. There was a discussion about the Carnegie library. The City is looking into whether it can be demolished in view of its status on the State Historical Registry.

Executive Director: Pauline reported that the Book Lockers are in place and being tested. There will be a ribbon cutting for the Lockers on 6/10 at 10 a.m. A presentation to the FOL board on a new program, Kanopy, will be held at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Shelving: Is in place. See more info under the Book Sorters report.

Match Day: We have been accepted for 2025 along with 34 other organizations. Dee attended the acceptance presentation and the first meeting this past week. We will need to submit photos for a backdrop for the video and a video by 7/25/25. Several possibilities were discussed about the video. Dee will contact a family she knows about participation in the video. A discussion was held about the funds from Match Day being used to update/expand the outdoor Children's area. Dee would like two goals for Match Day 2025 to be increasing the number of donors over last years number of 73 as well as increasing the total number of dollars donated.

Middle Ground Books: Ellen presented information regarding an Memo of Understanding with Middle Ground Books to allow them to sell donated books from the EFOL. It was decided by the board, based on information several members provided, that there is no conflict of interest with this going forward. Middle Ground has agreed to advertise FOL events and sales. Ellen will follow up about the MOU and additional items required to get this started. Sandy moved that we initiate an MOU with Middle Ground Books to work with the FOL for sale of books. Jan seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Upcoming Events: Summer Reading Kick off: 5/28/2025. Kid's concerts: 6/4, 6/11, 6/18 and 6/25.

Worm Race: 6/17, First Friday 6/6

For the Good of the board: Next meeting 6/23 at 5:00 p.m. in the EPL Large Meeting Room

Meeting adjourned 6:07 p.m.