

Friends of the Library
Board Minutes
May 22, 2023

President, Marcia Lawrence, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Marcia Lawrence, President; Mary Beth Janssen, Vice President; Dee Schwinn, Secretary; Ruth Gutierrez, Book Sorter Chair; Ron Sellers, Becky Sellers, Gene Graber, Harvey Foyle, and Pauline Stacchini, Library Director.

Members Absent: Jan Ralston, Treasurer; Vicki Brooks; Cindy Durbin; Jessica Hopkins; Michael Lang, Dawn Moews (or a liaison from the board)

Review of the by laws indicated that a quorum consists of the members present.

The agenda with the addition of Read to your Bunny was approved by consensus.

The minutes had been sent by email. Corrections were made in spelling and in the addition of the library director to the task force. Becky moved and Ruth seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed.

In the absence of the treasurer no action was taken on the written treasurer's report we received.

Harvey was not able to attend the Library Board meeting and Pauline filled us in on the action taken

The book locker status was discussed. It will be placed in Peter Pan Park and Pauline will be meeting with the city attorney to work out details. This place was chosen for easier access and near a population that does not necessarily utilize the library as much. There will be an awning and some lights at the location. The budget was discussed. The library has not received an increase in money from Lyon County since 2017. This amounts to a deficit of \$30,000. An increase has been requested. They also had an election of officers and a new liaison to the Friends board has not been yet appointed. They are going to have a staff member come to each meeting so they can put a face to a name and hear from that staff member the work that staff member does for the Emporia Public Library.

Pauline also presented the Director's report. As she presented what the Friends do to help, Ron and Becky Sellers voiced their concerns about the Queer Book Club and that they did not support such a club. They wanted to know how the decision was made. It was presented to the Library Board with no discussion from them. The library director makes that decision and if members of the community have questions; her door is always open. They opened up registration for the Queer Book Club and it has reached capacity. It is open only to those 18 or older. The books are kept as all book discussion books are in a special section on second floor. It was discussed that this should have been discussed possibly before members read it in the

newsletter but that the Friends do not have a say in this decision. It is the right of any community member to contact the library director about any policy that is made.

After this discussion Pauline continued her report

FOL funds in 2023 YTD

- Phone chargers for in-library use
- Replenished Emergency kit for use during severe weather or other shelter-in-place emergencies

Kids' Koncerts script template

Good afternoon friends, and welcome to the Emporia Public Library's Kids' Koncerts series! Thanks to the Friends of the Emporia Public Library, this summer's lineup has a new performer every Wednesday in June to celebrate the Summer Reading program.

Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Emporia Public Library by shopping our book sales, by signing up for Friends memberships, and by donating generously throughout the year. We couldn't raise the funds to make programs like this one available to the youth of Lyon County without your ongoing support!

Without further ado, please join me in welcoming [performer name, brief description]. Let's hear it for [performer name]! [Applause]

Considerations for the FOL mini-booksale inside EPL

- EPL staff cannot monitor whether someone is paying for an item or just taking
 - EPL staff can provide change if available
 - Should the "donation box" include a QR code or bit.ly to an online payment option?
- Should not sell withdrawn library materials
 - Higher risk of confusion about which books are for purchase and which for checkout

Unfinished business

Membership committee was not present

Book Sorter/Book Sales

Ruth reported that in April there were 73 ¾ hours volunteered. We had met as a group. She is putting together a handbook for the book sorters. We now have 6 on Tuesday, 4 on Wednesday and 6 on Thursday. Encourage your friends to donate books..we have the staff to take care of them. Those who attended the luncheon enjoyed the meal at ElLorrito. We are looking to put art work on the walls possibly from schools in the area. The custodian is going to mop the cement floors for us as needed. There will be a book sale on July 21-22 from 9-5. Dee added that the leak is back and Marcia is going to check in with Kevin on that.

The auditing committee (past president, vice president, current and past treasurer.

The staff appreciated our appreciation efforts.

Kids Konzerts have 2 people for each concert. The script is being prepared. We will need a six foot table and two chairs and we will have fansto give away, membership forms, and possibly some books for prizes.

New Business

We had been asked tp take up the Read to Your Bunny from ENEA. After discussion it was decided that although we appreciate the concept, it is not a part of our focus. It was suggested by Pauline that they contact Mickey Edwards of the United Way.

Marcia thanked those who were at the Match Day reveal. We had five representatives. Cindy Durbin, Gene Graber, Ruth Guitierrez, Mary Beth Janssen and Dee Schwinn. We are happy to again be a part of Match Day with 175,000 dollars available in matching funds. Marcia will be attending an informational meeting this week.

We discussed our options for our project which would be shelves for the Children's Room (\$35.000)or an awning for the Library Van on the Go (\$15.000) After discussion, Dee moved and Becky seconded that we do the awning because that is more in line with the funds we normally raise and it is good to have a tangible object to focus on for the Match Day requests. The motion passed.

We also discussed that we do have funds available, and we can always do some helping with the shelves and that becomes a reality. We should not be an organization that saves money but one that puts it to good use.

We next discussed having shelves in the library with books for sale on an honor system. There would be a lock box there. Pauline said they could make change if the need would arise. The book sorters had also discussed this and they were going to focus on the dollar books and on paper backs. Harvey moved and Mary Beth seconded that we give this a try. The motion passed. The members who come get the key to open the building could check the shelves and the box and replenish the shelves as needed. We would only do this on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday when there are volunteers available. The money would be taken to the Friends building and secured for the treasurer to pick up.

Gene moved and Mary Beth seconded that we adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Schwinn

Dates to remember:

May 31 Summer Reading Kick Off 3-4:30

June 7, 14, 21, and 28 Kids Konzerts. Report between 11:30 and 11:45. Members will be finished by 1

June 20--worm race at 10

July 11--Daniel Tiger at 6:30

July 21-22 Flash book sale 9-5