

Friends of the Empire Library  
Minutes of General Meeting  
January 12, 2010

Jim Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

Motion by Roz Starn, second by Nate Cary, to accept the minutes from the November 10, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Roz Starn presented the Treasurer's Report for 2009. Motion by Jim Sterling, second by Nate Cary, to accept the report. Motion carried. [See appendix "A"]

Treasurer Roz Starn presented the proposed FOEL Budget for 2010. Following lengthy discussion the budget was finalized. Motion by Marye Martinez, second by Erin Cary, to adopt the proposed budget. Motion carried. [See appendix "B"]

Jim Sterling shared with the meeting that on Dec 8, 2009, he attended the PTA meeting at Sipherd Elementary School. As a result he prepared a flyer to go home with Sipherd students advising that the Empire Library was open over Christmas break, had a selection of A/R books, and it was closer than going downtown. The school's administration had the flyer translated into Spanish and printed sufficient copies to go home with all students. Sterling said he was trying to contact PTA organizations at all Empire schools to attend their meetings and make presentations.

**StoryTime:** Martha Perez shared that StoryTime attendance continues low. Discussions focused on getting teachers at Empire Elementary School interested in bringing students to a StoryTime or taking a StoryTime to Head Start. (Head Start is not allowed to leave their facility to come to library.) Erin Knight-Cary proposed meeting with Head Start staff at the beginning of their school year. Jean Rogers shared that Cicero's Market allows their church to place informational items on the check-out counter to be picked up by customers. Jim Sterling said the next flyers prepared for the church's food distribution will focus on StoryTime and he would get some to the market. Sterling will also attempt to visit with the Empire Elementary Principal, Chris Schoeneman, to promote StoryTime. He will also attempt to meet with Sipherd School Librarian, Jill Anderson, with an eye toward meeting with a group of Empire USD library staff to talk about StoryTime.

[NOTE: Following the meeting there was a brief informal discussion regarding the time when StoryTime is offered in Empire. Other branches offer it at different times. Is this something we could review?]

Marye Martinez reports the Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> reception for the winners of the Library/School Art Partnership program was a great success, on a small scale. The five students and six adults present were enthusiastic and at least one new library card was issued. The next reception for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade artwork will be at 5 p.m. on Thurs. January 28<sup>th</sup>. Marye Martinez and Erin Knight-Cary have things in hand. Members are urged to stop in for the event!

The view was expressed that we should encourage "original" art, rather than group-oriented, whole-class art projects.

Martha Perales asked the FOEL to consider financial support for programs sponsored by and organized through the SCFL. These often including magicians, musicians, and other entertainers and can cost \$350 per performance. During the following discussion - while members agreed that the programs were worthy causes - they felt FOEL lacks the resources to pledge support at this time. It was felt it is better to advise of our decision now than to pledge support and not be able to muster it in the future.

Next meeting date was set for Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: J.W. Sterling

**Appendix A - Treasurer's Report for 2009**

<b>Treasurer's Report for 2009</b>			
Income:			
Deposit	11/19/2009	\$453.00	
Deposit	12/2/2009	\$18.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$471.00	
Disbursements:			
Martha Perales		\$30.33	
Ending Balance		\$440.67	
(January 12, 2010)			

**Appendix B - FOEL Budget for 2010**

<b>Friends of the Empire Library 2010 Budget</b>		
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Estimated income		\$2,000.00
Donation		\$700.00
Book sales		\$600.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$3,300.00</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Tables		\$700.00
Library Petty Cash		\$100.00
Publicity		\$100.00
Library/Community Outreach Activities		\$300.00
Library/School Art Partnership		\$300.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>\$1,500.00</b>