

Friends of the Empire Library
Minutes of General Meeting
February 9, 2010

President Jim Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M. He then welcomed those in attendance.

Motion by Carolyn DiPiero, second by Marye Martinez, to accept the minutes of January 12, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

Our Treasurer, Roz Starn, was not in attendance, but Jim told us he was sure she had sent a check to DEMCO to cover the cost of the two changing tables.

In his President's report, Jim shared [1] statistics he gathered from the January candy jar guessing entry forms and stated FOEL would again have the candy jar contest in March. [2] county Friends of the Library is having a meeting on Saturday, March 13th, in Modesto. Jim is going and invited any other interested Board member to go with him. [3] a suggestion was made about starting a book club for adults. Teel Middle School had a student book club in the past. Erin Knight-Cary will look into who ran the club at Teel.

Librarian Martha Perales and President Sterling attended a meeting February 3rd with the Empire Unified School District librarians and media staff. They discussed StoryTime as well as visitations. Principal Chris Schoeneman met with Martha and Jim. Sixth graders are coming to the library on February 16th for a visit. Library card applications have been given out to the students. On March 5th and 12th the Kindergarten classes will be coming for StoryTime.

The Stanislaus Foundation requested a list of expenses for the \$120 reimbursement for our Halloween party. We generated the list. FOEL members were made aware of the California bill which would cover hiring and training librarians.

Third grade submissions for the Art Contest were judged. The reception will be Thursday, February 25th, at 5:30 P.M.

A tentative date/time of Friday, April 30th, from 11 to 4:30 has been set for the Book Sale. Set-up will be on April 29 from 1 to 5. We may have a preview/sale from 5 to 6. We will ask to borrow a Book Sale sign from the Patterson Library. The library carrier van could be used for sending/receiving the sign. Marye will be chairman for the sale with Nate [or Erin] as co-chair.

Our annual General Meeting will be March 9th. A nominating Committee of Michelle Bairos, Susan Harmon, and Roxanne Padget will generate a slate of officers for presentation at the March meeting.

Martha mentioned she had received donations of several bags of books for the sale.

There was no Old Business.

Erin stated she had attended a meeting of the Friends of the Pool. They may have a barbeque dinner in conjunction with the Fire Department in August on National Night Out. FOEL might want to do a story center/help out. She will keep us informed as their plans are solidified.

There were no matters from the community.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harmon, Secretary