

Friends of the Empire Library  
Minutes of General Meeting  
October 15, 2009

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

Motion by Marye Martinez, second by Nate Cary, to accept the minutes from the September 8, 2009 General Meeting. Motion carried. Secretary Susan Harmon shared highlights from the FOEL Board Meeting held on September 15, 2009.

Treasurer Roz Starn reviewed the necessary steps for FOEL to open a checking account at MOCSE. Motion by Nate Cary, second by Carolyn DiPiero, to start a checking/savings account at MOCSE with the FOEL President, Vice President, and Treasurer to be signatories on the account. Two signatures will be required on each check. Motion carried. We currently have \$428 in the treasury.

Jim has secured an Employer Tax Identification number for FOEL. He has also opened Post Office Box #822 for our group. Jim and Susan have keys to the box. Motion by Nate Cary, second by Carolyn DiPiero, to reimburse Jim the \$20 he paid to rent the box for 6 months. Motion carried. Jim will be speaking at the Empire Women's Country Club on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Branch Manager Martha Perales' status as a member on the FOEL Board was clarified. She is an ex officio member with no voting privileges.

Motion by Marye Martinez, second by Roz Starn, to take action to secure 501 (c) (3) non-profit status for FOEL. Motion carried.

Erin Knight-Cary reported on the activities the PTA are planning for the Harvest/Halloween event to be held at the library on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Among the activities will be crafts, pumpkin bowling, face painting, an activity packet, safety information, and a costume contest. We will get 5- \$10 gift cards from Barnes and Noble as prizes for the contest. The Stanislaus Foundation is donating \$120.00 towards our expenses. The PTA will be donating some supplies and juice. Jim has secured permission to block off the back half of the library parking lot for activities. Motion by Carolyn DiPiero, second by Erin Knight-Cary, to allocate up to \$100.00 to help finance the October 30<sup>th</sup> festivities. Motion carried. Erin shared the flyer the PTA has sent home and is distributing throughout Empire. Jim made a list of who is responsible for the bringing various supplies to the event.

The PTA Art Show is underway. Eight Kindergarten projects were judged and three winners chosen. Carolyn will get ribbons for the 3 place winners for the seven months of art shows. The winners for October will be announced at the Harvest/Halloween event. Marye is getting the book prizes for the winners each month.

All branch libraries are to have a puppet to use at Story Time and as a mascot. Martha will check at Hands On to see if the store has a squirrel puppet FOEL can purchase for her. She showed us the book bags that are selling for \$3.00@.

FOEL is grateful for the continued support from Village Community Church.

Jim asked us to think of places we can put flyers about the library/ Story Time. Carolyn will work with Martha about how to get more community involvement. Nate will contact businesses.

Items # 13 and #14 were tabled until our next meeting.

Next General Meeting will be Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harmon, Secretary