

Friends of the Empire Library  
Minutes of General Meeting  
September 8, 2009

The meeting was called order to by Jim Sterling at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Marye Martinez, second by Nate Cary, to accept the minutes of August 11, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Rogers, second by Nate Cary, to unanimously accept the proposed slate of FOEL officers. [President- Jim Sterling, Vice-President- Nate Cary, Secretary/Treasurer- Susan Harmon/Roz Starn, Director At Large- Marye Martinez] Motion carried.

Jim presented copies of the changed Constitution and By-Laws as approved at the August 11, 2009 meeting. The changes were shown as strike-throughs and/or in bold print. He will send us clean copies of the document through E-mail as well as have copies at our October General Meeting.

The following people volunteered to be members of these committees:

- > Membership- Curtis Erickson
- > Programs-
- > Newsletter- Jim Sterling, Curtis Erickson, Jean Rogers
- > Fund Raising- Marye Martinez, Curtis Erickson, Nate Cary [Marye volunteered to co-ordinate the Book Sales.]

Jim read a letter he sent Village Christian Fellowship Church thanking them for their support. The group included flyers about the library with the bags of food they handed out last month. Jean said they will continue to do so each month.

The following people volunteered to act as liaisons with these community organizations:

- Empire Unified School District- Bob Dittman
- PAL (Police Athletic League)- Alma Sloan at Empire Elementary
- FOP (Friends of the Pool)- Betty Parker
- MAC (Municipal Advisory)- Jim Sterling
- PTA- Becky Clegg
- Empire Softball League-

Discussion held on short-term objectives. Jim will co-ordinate the purchase/installation of two changing tables for the library rest rooms. Roz Starn

will work with Branch Manager Martha Perales on securing magazine subscriptions for the library. Jean Rogers will be our community/school coordinator.

Becky Clegg, PTA President, shared the following long-term objectives her Empire Elementary PTA group is working on: starting a Boys/Girls Club, a beautifying program at the school, Out Reach project (such as collecting food for the church distribution), an Empire elementary/Teel Art Show to be held at the library, and a skate park near the town pool.

Becky and Martha mentioned there is a definite need for Spanish books and help at the library. Discussion held about getting Spanish-speaking students from GLICK and Johansen High School to volunteer.

Motion by Nate Cary, second by Becky Clegg, that FOEL partner with the Empire Elementary PTA to host a Harvest event at the Empire Branch Library, pending PTA approval. This event is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 P.M. until 4:30 P.M. Motion carried. Support for the event will be coming from the Stanislaus Library Foundation. Games/costume contests to be planned.

Discussion on Fund raising ideas tabled until October.

Motion by Martha Perales, second by Nate Cary, to set up a \$25.00 "petty cash" fund for the Branch Manager to use for projects at the library. Motion carried. Discussion held on Story Time publicity.

Matters from the community—None.

Old Business-- 1) FOEL is still looking into the possibility of using the Empire Library as or mailing address. (2) Our tax-exempt status is still pending. Jim found out it might cost us \$1,800 to become tax-exempt.

New Business—None.

Our first Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M.  
Next General Meeting will be Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harmon, Secretary