

Friends of the Empire Library
Minutes of General Meeting
April 13, 2010

President Jim Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:20 P.M. He thanked all who had just finished sorting books for the upcoming Book Sale.

Motion by Carolyn Di Piero, second by Nate Cary, to approve the minutes of March 9, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

Secretary Susan Harmon had nothing to report.

Treasurer Roz Starn, stated we have \$440.67 in the treasury. Motion by Marye Martinez, second by Carolyn Di Piero, to reimburse Jim Sterling \$20 for the first 6 months rent of our FOEL post office box. Motion carried.

President Jim Sterling shared that several local schools have not responded to FOEL queries to their PTA / Boosters clubs. He mentioned that when he heard about the award we had earned for our work for the Empire Library, he did not realize it was for him and not the entire FOEL. There have been so many students waiting to use the computers that Librarian Martha Perales has changed over one of the adult computers in the library to a children's computer with access to appropriate children's internet sites.

The Book Sale scheduled for Friday, April 30th, was discussed. Jim brought up the idea of expanding the sale. Motion by Carolyn Di Piero, second by Susan Harmon, to extend the Book Sale to May 1 from 10 until 2, pending the availability of the room. Motion carried. Jim shared copies of the flyers and bookmarks set to be printed and distributed to the schools. Bookmarks to be sent home April 21. FOEL has permission from the Department of Parks and Recreation to place a large sign on the fence by the pool. Nate shared a copy of the two different sized banners he is having made up at his work. Marye requested anyone with metal bookends to bring them. Both Roz and Jim said they could supply some. Carolyn and Jim will bring handcarts. Susan will bring a table. The following are possible outlets for information about the sale: Cable TV, Modesto Bee, and radio stations Rock 96, Sunny 102.3, B93 [92.9], and KAT Country. There are hundreds of plastic bags in the cupboard. Roz will bring 100 membership forms to go into the bags. Set-up for the sale will be Thursday, April 29, from noon until 6 or whenever we are done.

Jim checked with the Stanislaus Foundation about the reimbursement to FOEL for the supplies for the Halloween party. He has resubmitted the invoices as the original request had been misplaced.

The Friends of the Library Conference has been rescheduled. Date to be announced later.

Friends groups have been asked to help pass the library funding tax, which expires in 2012.

Old Business was tabled.

Motion by Carolyn Di Piero, second by Erin Knight-Cary, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried at 7:00 P.M.

Next General Meeting will be Tuesday, May 11th at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harmon, Secretary