

Friends of the Empire Library
Minutes of General Meeting
July 12, 2011

Treasurer Roz Starn called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. She welcomed everyone and had them introduce themselves.

Motion by Carolyn DiPiero, second by Roz Starn, to approve the minutes of June 7, 2011. Motion carried.

Roz reported we have a balance of \$1,252.95 in the treasury. \$380 has been donated to support the 'Yes on 12' campaign.

Our President, Jim Sterling, is recovering nicely from his quadruple bypass surgery.

Rebecca Snow, Library Aide, shared a flyer about upcoming activities. Thursday, August 4, there will be a bookmark monster craft from 1 to 3 P. M. Branch Manager, Martha Perales, (who is currently on vacation) needs FOEL volunteers to estimate how much they donated to the Stan Reads activities held in June. We estimated a total of \$100 for supplies but she would like a more accurate estimate, so please contact her with how much you spent.

Vanessa Czopek and Charles Teval from the Stanislaus County Library also spoke. Mr. Teval (Stanislaus County Library Branch Operations Manager and Martha's supervisor) said he was available if we needed help or had questions about the library. Ms. Czopek (County Librarian) talked about [1] the Strategic Planning report coming out in October. Focus areas will be early literacy, adult literacy, and helping people learn how to use their own technology [2] BOOPSIE is a mobile application to tie in to the County Library [3] \$150,000 will be needed to run the library tax campaign for the June 2012 ballot [4] a Library and Library Support Groups information sheet was shared [5] fundraisers will be held in August 2011 and January 2012 to raise money for the Library Foundation [6] April 2012 will mark the centennial of the County Library.

Carolyn has money from the book kiosk which she will get to Roz.

We discussed our June 25th Stan Reads event.

Sue Dorville reported on how the library branches will co-ordinate efforts to get the library tax initiative passed. \$10,000 is to be coming from all Friends groups. We discussed various fundraiser ideas.

Planning our FOEL budget for 2011-2012 and discussion about continuing the Art Contests for 2011-2012 school year were tabled until our August meeting.

Carolyn suggested having the great Valley Museum do presentations at the Empire Library as a means of getting children acquainted with the library. It was also suggested FOEL have an early morning brunch for local school teachers here at the library.

Motion by Carolyn DiPiero, second by Susan Harmon, for FOEL to purchase a tile from the Friends of the Empire Pool. Motion carried. Designs for the tile will be discussed at the August meeting.

There were no matters from the community.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 P. M. Next meeting: August 9th at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harmon, Secretary