

Friends of the Empire Library  
Minutes of General Meeting  
November 2, 2010

The meeting was called order to by President Jim Sterling at 6:03 P.M.

Motion by Roz Starn, second by Susan Harmon, to table the minutes of October 5, 2010 until the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried.

There was no Secretary's report.

Treasurer Roz Starn stated we have a balance of \$1,209.17 in the treasury.

Jim's report included [1] a reminder for people to bring their receipts from the Halloween event to the December meeting so FOEL can turn them in to the Stanislaus Foundation for reimbursement. [2] There will be an informal meeting November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 P. M. at the Empire Library for any Friends group in the county. The purpose is to discuss concerns/problems/solutions among the 13 groups. [3] Three weeks ago, he attended an 'excellent' focus group. It was set up to evaluate library/community expectations. A formal report will be coming out.

Branch Manager, Martha Perales, needs a rough estimate how much money our Friends group has spent on youth events, such as the Halloween event and children's craft supplies. Information will be gathered at the December meeting.

Halloween event discussion: **Highlights**: children really enjoyed themselves, scavenger hunt has a lot of children exploring the library, good turnout despite the rain, almost all the cookies and juice were consumed, a lot of parents attended with their children, more people from farther out in Empire attended this year, positive 'word-of-mouth- created for next year's event. **Constructive criticisms**: more helpers needed, more space needed for some of the crafts, need definite assignments as far as times/tables, consider different table arrangement next year, bottleneck at the door (suggest moving the bags outside next year), need to start planning sooner, September?

Carolyn suggested each of us bring a new member to the December meeting.

Sue Dorville suggested Jim contact her husband, Ron, after January 10<sup>th</sup> to work on securing 501 (c) (3) status for FOEL.

Jim will contact Erin to check on the Art Contest she is working on with Marye. We believe the K-3 grades will be submitting art work in November.

Jim shared envelopes for 'Yes for Libraries 2012' donations. Motion by Susan Harmon, second by Carolyn Di Piero, to spend 20% of the FOEL 2010 budget to support this campaign. Motion carried. Roz will send the check by December.

Items tabled from October were again tabled until next month.

Sue Dorville will bring information about tax write offs for donating books.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Next meeting: December 7th at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harmon, Secretary