

Friends of the Empire Library
Minutes of General Meeting
March 9, 2010

President Jim Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

Approval of Minutes - Motion by Nate Cary, second by Carolyn DiPiero, to accept the minutes of February 9, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report - Our Secretary, Susan Harmon, was not in attendance, but submitted apologies.

Treasurer's Report - Roz Starn, presented the revised budget for 2010-1011. She also submitted a Treasurer's Report for January & February 2010. There are no outstanding bills. We are awaiting reimbursement of \$120 from the Foundation for expenses incurred for the Halloween event. Ending balance \$440.67. Motion by Marye Martinez, second by Nate Cary, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

President's report - Jim shared [1] Empire library info has been shared with a group from Copper Canyon community (near Johansen HS). [2] Branch Manager Martha Perales is insuring that a copy of the newsletter will be place in at least one book checked out by each patron, while supplies last. [3] The candy jar will be put out soon for another month. [4] He has contacted PTA and Booster clubs at Hughes and Capistrano Schools.

Election of Officers - Motion by Roz Starn, seconded by Jean Rogers, that a unanimous vote be cast for the slate of FOEL officers for 2010 - 2011 that was presented by the nominating committee. Motion passed. President, Jim Sterling; Vice President, Nate Cary; Secretary/Treasurer, Susan Harmon/Roz Starn; Member at large, Marye Martinez.

Branch Manager's Report - Librarian Martha Perales shared [1] Sixth grader classes from Empire Elementary had a field trip to the library on February 16th. [2] On March 5th and 12th the Kindergarten classes will be coming for StoryTime. (Library card applications are being given out to the students.) [3] "Tech Week" competition is underway (students answer technology questions and win candy bars). [4] "Cover-to-Cover" event is underway (March 6 - April 19) where young readers win coupons for "In-N-Out Burgers" by reading books. [5] She will be conducting a stick-craft workshop April 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. [6] No StoryTime during April.

PTA / Boosters - Jim Sterling was asked to contact PTA / Booster organizations at Stroud and Glick, and , and Aspire (Charter) Schools.

Volunteers Appreciation - There will be a volunteer appreciation luncheon for members of Friends of the Library groups at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library on Saturday April 17. FOEL members are urged to attend.

Art Contest - The third grade Art Contest reception was very successful. There will be no contest during March due to test prep for the up-coming STAR tests. Motion was made, seconded and approved for Carolyn DiPiero to acquire "participant/finalist" ribbons so all finalists who come to the receptions can take away recognition for their efforts. All present stressed that we need to continue the program in the next school year, and Erin Knight-Cary was asked to make sure PTA is aware of our enthusiasm and interest.

Book Sale - Marye Martinez presented a procedures outline for the up-coming (April 30) event and led an in-depth discussion. A tentative draft of ideas and areas of responsibility was developed along the lines of Marye's presentation (see appendix "A" attached).

Old Business - Student Book Club: Prospects for an after-school book club are still under consideration, but will require discussion with PAL rep Alma Sloan and the Librarian at Empire Elem / Aspire Charter, Linda Aiken. National Night Out: Friends of the Pool may have a barbeque dinner in conjunction with the Fire Department in August on National Night Out. Still under discussion.

Matters from the community - There were no matters from the community.

Next Meeting - Next General Meeting will be Tuesday, April 13th at 6:00 P.M.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Sterling, for Susan M. Harmon, Secretary