

Friends of the Empire Library
Minutes of General Meeting
May 10, 2011

President Jim Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M., welcoming everyone.

Motion by Roz Starn, second by Erin Knight-Cary, to accept the minutes of April 8, 2011 as corrected. Motion carried.

There was no Secretary's report.

Treasurer Roz Starn stated we have \$1,582.92 in the treasury. She also presented corrected Treasurer's reports for December 2010, January 2011, and February/March 2011.

Friends of the Library Round Table will be held May 21st at a location yet to be announced.

Library Branch Manager, Martha Perales, has a craft project planned from 3 to 5 P. M. on May 26th. Employee Rebecca Snow will lead the craft. Martha handed out a mini flyer about the summer "One World, Many Stories" activities. She is going to Empire Elementary School to talk in Spanish about the Library.

Carolyn Di Piero gave Roz \$6.00 from purchases at our book sales kiosk.

The Art Contest reception for Kindergarten and First Grade participants will be held Thursday, May 26th at 5:30 P. M.

Marye Martinez handed out notes from our recent used book sale. Tentative figures show we raised something more than \$300 this year. Discussion was held. The sale for 2012 has been tentatively set for either April 20/21 or April 27/28.

It was suggested that Jim's monthly newsletter be changed to come out quarterly [June-September-December-March].

Bev Finley from the 'Yes For 2012' campaign addressed our group. Her co-chair is Scott Monday. She invited a member of FOEL to attend a meeting on Friday, May 13th at 1:30 P. M. at the Sutter Education Center in McHenry Village. The group is meeting every month to plan their campaign for getting the Library Tax passed to keep supporting our libraries, which depend on taxes for 85% of their budgets.

Cutting for Stone author, Abraham Verghese, will speak at the Gallo Center in January 2012. This will be the kickoff for the library tax initiative.

Martha shared an Activity Toolkit for the Stanislaus Reads events coming up in June. The Empire June 25th event from 10 to noon will be planned our at our next meeting.

Jim will meet with Sue Dorville and her husband in early June to work on the application for 501 (c) (3) status.

There were no matters from the community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Next meeting: June 7 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harmon, Secretary