

Friends of the Esparto Regional Library  
Minutes  
April 6, 2010

**1. Call to order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Present were Julio Cota, Al Emrick, Margaret Dugan, Sandy Pelletier, Betty Koeppen, Gabe Galvan, Rie Surad-Miller, Larry Stark and Malinda. Julio welcomed visitors and the agenda was approved with changes: under New Business add item C. bylaws committee and item D. newsletter.

**2. The Acceptance of Minutes**

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the March minutes.

**3. Financial Reports**

Al corrected the checking balance from \$4899.35 due to \$320.56. Membership is now at 118 members. This was a result of recent reminder mailing.

Discussion of Newsletter. Betty wondered if membership dues envelope falls out of newsletter mailings and does not reach recipient. Al commented that newsletter was supposed to be donated and supposed to be in color. Sandy volunteered to call members for email addresses.

Larry Stark, LPL Financial, reports that FERL Endowment Fund is at \$232,260 as of April 6, 2010 for a gain of 18.92% over last 5 years. Larry reported that LPL has a new Chief of Finance, Burt White.

Discussion of budget report. Cost of newsletter per 2010 budget is \$5800 with \$1350 allocated to postage. Newsletter is sent out quarterly, twice to members only and twice to all of Capay Valley including Madison. Betty recommends pricing the printing costs at Staples. Malinda said someone had inquired if donations could be made monthly with an automatic payment. This is possible and Al will check with our bank. Note from Barbara Durst read by Betty. Barbara wondered if we should combine the children's programs (summer and reading, \$500 + \$570 = \$1070). It was moved and seconded to combine these two budget items and call it Children's Programs. Concern expressed about storage container costs. Move from VFW location could cost \$1,000 to 2,000. It was moved and seconded to accept the 2010-2011 budget with aforementioned change.

Al sent out bylaws to all board members. Last revision was 2002. Should be done again.

**4. Correspondence and announcements**

Flyer from Yolo County Historical Society

**5. Library Personnel, news and business**

Julio is on the committee to hire a new Library Assistant

Malinda reported on library statistics. Summer reading program is being planned. Yolo County Librarian, Patty Wong, will accept Woman of the Year award April 28th from 4-6 PM at the Winters Library. Patty would like to thank everyone involved with the Yolo County Libraries saying the award reflects on everyone. Heather Bratt is looking for donated books for the Juvenile detention center. Appropriate books would include teen books and romances and mysteries at all levels. Work on Digital storytelling and summer programs continues. Expect the new county budget at the end of May. Mike Thompson, U.S. Congressman will talk on "Connecting Community Voices" at a Yolo County Past Dinner on April 11 at 5 PM. Five nonprofit

organizations attending will receive a free computer. Betty and Nadine volunteered to attend.

Rie asked about Esparto's report on the history of the library for the 100 Years Celebration. Nadine is working on the history of the Esparto Library.

## **6. Old Business**

- A.** FERL storage container discussed with budget items.

## **7. New Business**

**A.** Sandy had handout from Plasticjungle.com. Non-profits can participate in exchange of unused gift cards. We send cards that are donated. The balances are verified and FERL receives up to 92% of their value. There is no cost to participate. Postage is paid.

**B.** Next board meeting is May 4.

**C.** Newsletter discussion delayed to May.

**D.** By-laws committee, Gabe, Sandy, Margaret will meet to update bylaws.

Meeting adjourned.

Thank you to Gabe Galvan for his industrious scribbling of notes of the meeting. Great job!

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Durst, Secretary