

Friends of the Esparto Regional Library
Minutes
February 2, 2010

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM. Present were Rie Surad-Miller, Jon Durst, Julio Cota, Al Emrick, Nadine DeSmet, Margaret Dugan, Sandy Pelletier, Betty Koeppen, Barbara Durst. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the agenda with typo and spelling corrections.

2. Election of New Officers for 2010

The new officers for 2010 are as follows:

Julio Cota, President

Gabe Galvan, Vice President

Barbara Durst, Secretary

Al Emrick, Treasurer and Membership Chair

Betty suggested that the new board members need a copy of the bylaws and asked Al to bring copies to next meeting. Al agreed.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

Barbara not ready with the minutes of the Annual Meeting

It was moved, seconded and approved that the minutes of the January 5, 2010, board meeting be approved.

4. Financial Report

Al reported that the endowment fund gained \$41,000 in 2009. However, this gain was a recovery from losses in 2008. February 17 is the deadline for the board to determine how to treat the gain. Should it remain in the endowment or be left outside the endowment for future needs. Our primary expense is \$20,000 per year for library hours. Al recommends we take \$10,000 from the endowment gains. This would give FERL \$39,000 in the bank for hours and other expenses. Betty stated that the most important benefit to our members is the additional hours. If there are cuts in the budget there are many places to cut besides hours. However, to be sure to have the dollars set aside for hours, Betty moved that the amount to be retained from endowment earnings be \$20,000. The move was seconded and the vote was unanimous. Betty suggested that the endowment fund could be better recognized, for example at the annual meeting. It could attract more donations.

Membership is at 72. Sandy volunteered to write a letter to be sent to delinquent members.

5. Correspondence and announcements

American Library Association President, Camila Alire is speaking February 16 at the Winters Community Library. On February 22, Julio is attending training in Irvine designed to increase volunteerism in Yolo County.

6. Library Personnel, news and business

A. Malinda sent note and monthly statistics. She thoroughly enjoyed the annual meeting and 10 anniversary celebration, the food, the new art - everything. Lana Harmon is the new volunteer, bilingual preschool storyteller. There is a new program, English

Conversation Classes at the library beginning Tuesday, February 12 from 1-2 PM

B. Rie reported on the 100 year county library celebration. The slogan is done. August 1 is the date. The location is the front of the County Courthouse. The theme is an Ice Cream Social with live music. Every library will have a booth and donated cookies are recommended. There may be a bus tour during Library Week, April 11-17.

7. Old Business

A. January 26 Annual Meeting and 10 Year Anniversary Celebration was a success. Good publicity, lots of food. About 50 people attended. Rie said she heard from everyone only good things about the meeting, speakers and everything. The clerestory windows were washed, the front of the clerestory outside was washed and the carpets were cleaned in preparation for the event.

Ai. The county paid to install John Oldani's artwork that the family donated for the 10 year anniversary. The cost was \$600. Plaques for all library artwork has been made and installed by Laurie Hayes.

Aii. Jon reported that the Library Media Shelf is in process.

B. 26 people paid for the bus trip to see King Tut. The bus will pick up people in Woodland and Esparto. Reservations can still be made.

C. The storage container was moved temporarily. Julio will straighten the shelves. The School District Meeting was cancelled due to electrical outages

8. New Business

A. Request for chair for book sale at the Almond Festival on Sunday, March 14. Barbara and Betty will co-chair. Gabe and Julio will do cleanup.

B. Next board meeting March 2

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Durst, Secretary