

Friends of The Esparto Regional Library - Minutes February 1, 2011

1. Call to Order @ 7:11 PM by Gabe Galvan. Present were: Betty Koeppen, Nadine DeSmet, Margaret Dugan, June Hebb, and Sandy Pelletier. Malinda Baker did not attend due to illness. Julio Cota arrived within minutes and presided over the meeting.

2. The Acceptance of Minutes:

A. It was moved and seconded to approve the January 4th minutes. Added to today's agenda... Yolo Federal Credit Union "Give-a-Click" program (7. B.) discussion. It was decided to skip the minutes of the Annual Board Meeting.

B. The January 25th minutes were not available due to a family emergency. Could not be voted on or approved.

3. Election of Officers for 2011:

Nominated: **President** – Julio Cota, **Vice President** – Gabe Galvan, **Secretary** – Sandy Pelletier, **Treasurer and Membership Chair** – Betty Koeppen. The slate of Officers was voted on and approved for 2011.

4. Financial Reports:

A. Betty Koeppen started discussion on changes and new approaches to the financial reports and the handling of the finances. The first issue was that the account at the River City Bank currently has 3 signers on the account. One of them is John Oldani, who is deceased, the second is Al Emrick, who stepped down as Treasurer and the 3rd is Betty Koeppen. Discussion consisted of: should Al remain on as a signer for convenience, is a 3rd signer necessary or desired and who will replace John Oldani as signer?

It was moved by Gabe, seconded by Betty Koeppen, and approved that: Margaret Dugan will become a signer, (she is local, so it is convenient when others are unavailable), that Nadine DeSmet will assume the role vacated by John Oldani, as signer and Betty will be the 3rd signer, as she is the current Treasurer. All 3 signers will register with the bank as current signers. A signed copy of the final minutes will be presented at the bank to authorize the changes.

The second issue discussed was: should Betty use the current online system that has been used recently or can she do the accounts by hand? She would like to involve the Board more in the finances, so that on a month to month basis, members will be current on what has transpired. Her intention is to try various ways the finances are presented and have Board members' comment on any changes they feel are necessary. It was moved that Betty shall use the "by hand" approach until such time she sees a better alternative.

B. Also mentioned: Betty would like to have the whole Board meet with Larry Stark, of LPL Financial, to go over our accounts to become more familiar with FERL's whole financial picture. A meeting will be arranged for some time before Feb. 16th.

C. Julio asked about an item called a President's Fund. It is a \$100. that is allotted to the Board president for various minor expenses. He had spent \$60. on books two years ago and has a balance of \$40. left. What should he do with it? Discussion ensued. Decided that he needs to do nothing and that he can spend the remaining dollars whenever he feels it is appropriate.

5. Correspondence and Announcements: Julio received an email from Elizabeth Gray, Patty Wong's assistant regarding the container now residing on VFW property. She said she will work with Patty to resolve the issue with County. Betty commented that it would be ideal if the container could be moved to the school property nearer the library while it is emptied for the Book Sale in March and we must be prepared for the cost of moving it.

6. Library Personnel, News and Business:

A. Library Statistics for January:

Honor books	36
Questions answered	160
Gate count	1830
Computer signups	1025
Gifts forwarded to CS	1
Volunteer hours	34
Meeting room use	17
Pre-school attendance	48
School age attendance	53
Young adult “	119
Adult “	22

B. The January book contest had 62 entries. The winning number was 270, won by Nestor Becerra.

C. Library Future Events:

Feb. 10: Senior Computer Class

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Feb. 11: Valentine Card Making Party at 3:15 PM for all kids.

Feb. 16: “Where did the Alphabet Come From: The Stork Didn’t Bring It”, by Sumner Stone. The history of the art of the written form. A demonstration of calligraphy will be presented. There will be light refreshments provided by FERL.

7. Old Business: Annual meeting was well received. May consider a continuing format of honoring certain people for their contributions. Al and Ethel Emrick were honored at the January meeting for their years of service.

8. New Business: Almond Festival – March 13th

A. Book Sale: Saturday - We need trucks to unload, sort and display books and set up tables.

Sunday - We need volunteers for sales, close out by selecting premium books to keep and boxing discards for transport to Sacramento and breakdown tables.

B. Yolo Federal Credit Union: offers a “Give a Click” program granting \$1500. to the winner of a “Clicking” (voting) campaign. Nadine registered us to become eligible.

C. Nugget Scripts: Betty mentioned that we should find ways to encourage participation in this program. Placing it in the newsletters, posting information on our website, were mentioned.

9. Next Board Meeting: March 1st Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Pelletier, Secretary