John Trigg Ester Library BOD Meeting –January 20, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM. Present: Syrilyn Tong, Mindy Gallagher, Alex Colon, Sherri Schleiter, Ritchie Musick, Karla Secor, Monique Musick and Gary Pohl

1. Approval of 12-9-18 BOD minutes- motion to adopt: Monique. Second: Ritchie. Approved
2. Committee Reports
   1. President’s report and Treasurer's Report (ST)–Quiet month. New treasurer, Alex, is getting on board; thus no deposits.
   2. Collections (Mindy)
3. The cataloging group added 19 books to the shelves and the online catalog, and removed a few duplicate entries, bringing the total to 10,262 books. We focused mostly on adding Dewey Decimal numbers to the books, and completed most of one side of the non-fiction shelf units. This month’s catalogers were Suzann Suzawith, Kay Sisson, Janet Thompson, Karyn Holder, and Mindy Gallagher. In January, we plan to finish the cooking section, and start on the outer side of the non-fiction shelves.Volunteer/membership – 2 new members
4. When the new shelves are ready the Alaska section will move there and be organized by Dewey Decimal.
5. Ritchie asked about boxes of books at the Red Cabin. Will keep there until ready to process.
   1. Facilities/grants (Gary)
6. Moved wall shelves to storage to allow for new shelving
7. Prepared 4 options for new shelves – will add room for another 1500 books; prices, pros & cons discussed
   * + 1. Suggestion to check with school district to see if surplus is available. Motion: Monique- If a free/surplus option is available use that. If not go with Gary’s option 1. Second: Karla. All approved
8. Underfloor insulation this summer
9. Garden bed- consider fencing and or other dog proofing
10. Finish handicapped ramp
11. New outhouse
12. Long-term projects- will discuss in future meeting
13. Passiv haus sign should be ready soon – need transport - Mo will check with Josh
14. Grants report: Gary and ST working on a $2000 grant from Holland America
    1. Historian (Sherri)- Collected more folders – will be working this weekend on Ester Republics
    2. Children’s reading (Sherri)
15. Didn’t get response over break (of meeting to discuss next program) – in a holding pattern
16. ST - Waiting to hear back from people who came before to find out why they aren’t returning.
17. Talked with past participant - suggestion: uniquely Ester – ice skating, activities, take advantage of small group – do things the Noel Wien is too big for. Events and activities instead of just stories. Coloring was most engaging part. Hard to compete with the larger program. Suggest paring with Calypso or other local groups (scouts, 4-H, etc.)
18. Think of things that are totally different and oriented toward specific groups (and open to community) to ensure attendance and exposure.
19. Come up with four planned events. Network with people and arrange around them.
20. Will be open on Easter Sunday – April 21, and a possible June gardening event
    1. Website revamping (Mo)
21. Keeping up with the social media and basic updates.
22. Making updates for Seedy Saturdays and related edits to the GEB pages.
23. Will start working on a site map.

III. Old Business

1. Background checks – did one for Alex. Carrie will do the rest of us while recovering.
2. New Business
3. Seed swap – Mo filled us in on the next seed swap – February 23 and March 2, 1-5 PM at Hartung. Mo to get lecturers for both days. Expenses - $50 rental, $25 coping for flyers. Approved as discussed
4. Noel Wien display case- to raise awareness of services and programs. The smaller display if available – Early 2020- feature seed library, gardens, etc.
5. Housekeeping- floor needs a sponge mop
6. Possible game night
7. Next meeting – Sunday Feb 17

Adjourn: 7:55