

## **JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY**

### **Board of Directors**

August 11, 2021

**Members Present:** Gary Pohl, Ritchie Musick, Kristin Haney, Sharon Lockwood, Mindy Gallagher, Mina Doerner, Syrilyn Tong (7:00 pm)

**Agenda:** Sharon moved to accept the agenda with the correction of the meeting time being changed to 6:30, Mindy seconded and the agenda was approved.

**Minutes:** Sharon moved to approve the minutes as presented, Mindy seconded and the minutes were approved.

#### **President's Report:**

Gary reported increased concern for covid. Six folks from the Summer Arts Festival jazz group contracted covid yet were all masked during exposure. Free covid tests are given at the airport. We need to be concerned and follow recommended policies.

#### **Facilities:**

The handicap ramp rail is in progress.

The new Toyo stove has been installed. Gary can control it with an iPhone app which is available to all of us upon application.

The outhouse siding is not on the high priority list. A request was made for a toilet seat over a larger hole. Cleaning supplies such as spare paper, broom, Lysol etc. should be readily available.

Planted beds are looking good.

The book bags are available but have not been checked out. A rack for them has been installed. Gary has been mowing the lawn using the mower gifted to us from Charley Gallagher.

Watering the garden has been done mostly by Kristen, weeding is still needing help

#### **Grants:**

Grant Station is being monitored for opportunities.

The GVEA Good Cents grant program which provided the Toyo requires some follow up. A thank you should be sent.

#### **Financial:**

Checking currently at \$958.88, Savings at \$29,842.65, and the Passive House at 14,509.76. The debit/credit card has expenditures of \$179.96 on it.

A check arrived in the mail from Fidelity Charitable in Ohio for \$100. Turntothewonderful.com is its website. A Jewish rabbi gives money to nonprofits. It appears to be legitimate and okay to cash.

We are budgeted for a new HP computer. We purchased the last one through Tech Soup and it was a refurbished one. ST and Gary will shop around for a good deal on a Windows 10.

**Collections:**

The group did not meet in July.

Books offered at the Ester garage sale netted \$26.85.

55 books were catalogued mostly from the Chris Guinn donation and the childrens books donated by Kristen Haney.

Currently 6610 are catalogued with 5831 shelved. 779 have been catalogued but are in white house storage.

We have been given some 2007 Acres Magazines from Joe Saladan. Kristen will look through them to determine their usefulness.

If we were to have a “newer” bookshelf available someone would need to take responsibility to keep it current. Would anybody like a librarian job?

Mindy has been calling people who have not returned books but having few responses. She could be assisted with these calls by those of us working open hours.

**Grounds:**

There are items cluttering up the space under the window and by the old stove. Mindy will sort any library items and Kristin will sort and store the GEB materials.

We need to organize a cleanup party at the end of summer for both inside and out.

**GEB**

The planted containers for seed procurement have been distributed to businesses. They will be checked on by GEB.

We need to purchase envelopes for seed harvest. 500 envelopes will cost \$120.00.

The purchase of an inking stamp for \$30 would reduce the number of envelopes required.

The greenhouse at UAF is a jungle. We have surplus plants there.

The kids Jr Gardeners program this month saw one family with two children and Kristen’s two children in attendance. The seven year-olds participated in a scavenger hunt while the younger ones ran and ate raspberries.

**Groups:**

The Knitting group meets on alternate Tuesdays and has had several participants.

**OLD BUSINESS****Facebook:**

Ritchie will add entries to the Facebook Newsfeed and use the Events option.

**Website:**

Sharon and her daughter have taken responsibility for the website but need agreement on what to remove. ST offered to help them.

**Events:**

The last Children’s event had no participation. We need to prepare and distribute flyers to advertise each one. Word of mouth helps.

Sharon is looking into potential days and times for future children's events. Please send information early to Ritchie for Facebook publicity.

All are encouraged to share information on plant sales to cooperative extension and 4H. PSA's can be put on KUAC for events open to the public. We need to be specific on whether events are for school age vs preschool.

We were reminded that kits are available from Fish and Game for science activities (animal tracks, etc.)

**Board Contact List:** This needs to have phone numbers added. ST will provide the new list to all board members.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Stove:**

The new stove should be set at 60 degrees. Turn up as needed but please turn down when leaving. One can notify Gary ahead of an event and he can turn it up using his cell phone application.

Purchase of the old stove has had interest shown by Joe Staley and Mina Doerner. Mina was concerned about conflict of interest if she purchased it. She tried to contact Joe but got no response. She recused herself while the Board discussed the issue and during the vote. Ritchie moved to sell the stove to Mina for \$150. ST seconded it and the motion passed. Mina returned and immediately paid cash.

### **Fundraiser:**

A fundraiser has been set for the Malemute on August 21st from 7:30-11:30 when the Skidmarks will be playing. A portion of the evening profits will be given to JTEL. It was suggested that Matt Reckard might be contacted for some poetry reading at the breaks. All depends on the Covid situation.

### **Community Revenue Sharing:**

The annual report for Community Revenue Sharing needs to be turned in.

### **Sign:**

Judie Gumm has offered JTEL the sign from her studio/shop. Ritchie showed a photo to the Board and all agreed to accept it. Ritchie will see to its removal and restoration.

### **Gazebo:**

The mosquito signs seem to be moved around and block the entrance to the gazebo. Ritchie will take care of the problem.

### **Passive House:**

The sign is disappearing behind vegetation. Kristin might have a brush hog which could be used to clear brush from the site.

**The next meeting** will be on the third Monday, September 20th, at 6:30 pm. We need to recruit new board members.

ST moved to adjourn, Ritchie seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ritchie Musick, Secretary