

JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY

Board of Directors Meeting

December 13, 2010

Members Present: Gary Pohl, Mindy Gallagher, Kristen Hanley, Syrielyn Tong, Ritchie Musick Sharon Lockwood, and Mina Doerner,

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 by President Gary Pohl via ZOOM

Agenda: ST moved to accept the agenda and presented. Ritchie amended it to add discussion of the Post Office book exchange. Sharon seconded the motion as amended, motion passed

Minutes: The minutes of the November 8 meeting were presented. Several corrections were offered. ST moved to approve them as amended, Mindy seconded it and the minutes were approved.

President's Report:

Not all board officers have signed onto the Mt McKinley account and need to do so. Gary reported that the snowblower needs to be repaired. The fuel supply is low and ST will order it on Monday. The 2021 Community Assistance Program (CAP) application has been submitted. Eric Holland, FNSD administrator of our CAP grant will visit the library when COVID allows..

Gary and others have been monitoring sources of possible grants. Mina found one through the Alaska State Library Fund but it requires certain qualifications. The library must be open 48 weeks per year and 10 hrs per week and serve a certain size population. It also requires that interlibrary loans be available. Funding would be available up to \$7000 plus matching funds *plus a plan for \$3500 per year after that*. Money could be used for materials, etc.

Foundation grants available included the Golden Heart Community Foundation for \$500-\$2500. Applications and information for these are available on the Alaska Community Foundation website for which we need to create an account. We have our endowment fund so do have an account and could email in the information. We received \$750 from GHCF several years ago to be used for our children's program.

TGCI.com gives information on 5 or 6 foundations that give funds for small community projects. The Rasmussen Foundation gave over \$21 million last year mostly for buildings. The GVEA Good Sense program *provided \$7000 to communities*. Mina feels we should publicize a clear mission statement for JTEL. There is one available on our website at Esterlibrary.org. For the summer reading program there is a source in Ireadprogram.org which is a national organization accepting applications for funds in 2022. We will continue searching other sources. Small grants can possibly provide fuel and operations while large grants can help with construction. Mindy suggested updating our website.

There is a CAPSIS grant available from the AK legislature that provides funds for capitol projects. It is updated every year with applications due in February. Gary is the current updater for this grant, and Representative Hopkins is our sponsor.

Finance:

ST went over the attached financial report with the budget and expenditures. She will send a copy to the secretary.

Collections:

Mindy reported Gary Graves donated 2 boxes containing good Alaska fiction and a third which is being returned to him. A photo of a miner was with it but without identification. She is working on updating the catalog and clearing the white house

Childrens Reading Program:

Sarah was not here to report but nothing is actively going on with the pandemic restrictions. We did have a reward system set up with Ester Gas for ice cream, but it has not been implemented.

OLD BUSINESS

Hours of operation:

The Clausen cabin is open by appointment at 374-8080 to leave a message. ST is available to open it on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mina on Thursdays and Fridays. The building is to be aired out between visits.

Finance Policy:

This is still under review by Gary and Mindy and ST. We do require background checks and have a fireproof lockbox.

Volunteer Policy:

Still under review by ST and Ritchie.

Budget Review:

\$2000 was put into fundraising while eliminating income from our two usual specific fundraisers and added \$776 into miscellaneous income in order to make the numbers in the current budget balance.

Post Office Book rack:

Ritchie offered to talk with Post Master Renee about JTEL organizing it and maintaining it. After much discussion we decided not to put JTEL's name on it and to leave it alone and let the community continue to use/abuse it. It is not regularly cleaned and organized.

NEW BUSINESS

Growing Ester's Biodiversity:

Monique Musick and Deirdre Helfferich had established that program consisting of a seed bank and an exchange program. Mo and Kristen are continuing with it. In October they attended a

zoom program for Edible Alaska Magazine and will be featured in their spring issue. Last January they organized a seed catalog order and will do it again this year. Seedy Saturday is scheduled for February with pandemic restrictions unsolved. It could be held at a later date or outdoors. It was suggested that we should plant our garden and boxes using library seeds. A possible seedling exchange was discussed. JTEL should form a committee for “seedy people” interested in gardening. The AK Botanical Garden in Anchorage is holding a conference in March. We should publicize our seed library there.

Historian Position

Hannah had taken that on after Sheri Skeiter left the board. Sheri had organized a number of photos into a scrapbook. The next step was to identify the subjects. These albums are currently stored in the Monarch stove. Sheri should be contacted, then Hannah, and Amy Cameron who is likely to know many of the subjects. We need a historian (George Lounsbury?) to look them over. Ritchie agreed to look into this.

Next Meeting will be on January 10 at 4 pm. Ritchie moved to adjourn, Mindy seconded it and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ritchie Musick, secretary