

JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY

Board of Directors

July 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Pohl at 7:01 pm.

Members Present: Gary Pohl, Syrilyn Tong, Sharon Lockwood, Mina Doerner, Mindy Gallagher, Ritchie Musick
Absent: Kristin Haney (delivering baskets for JTEL and arrived at the end), Mina Doerner (ill but we did not set up a zoom for her)

Agenda:

Sharon Lockwood moved to approve the agenda as presented. Syrilyn Tong seconded it and the motion passed 4-0.

Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed and the comments which were forwarded by email from Mindy Gallagher and Syrilyn Tong had not been included. Sharon Lockwood moved to approve with the email corrections to be added, seconded by Syrilyn Tong. Motion passed 4-0.

President's Report:

JTEL received \$2,275 from the GVEA Good Cents program for purchase of a new Toyo stove.

Sharon moved to purchase a Toyotomi Laser 731 from Woodway for \$2626.50

installed. ST seconded and the motion was passed 5-0. It will be white in color.

Siding still needs to be applied to the outhouse, otherwise it is fully functional.

We need to be on the lookout for new, clean rain barrels.

Gary will build a rack from which the Kids' Bags can be hung.

Volunteers are needed for lawn mowing and watering. The mower is stored in the shed.

Grant money was received from GVEA Good Cents. Mindy received a call from Judy Triplehorn regarding a subscription to GrantHub | Foundation for Grantseekers, however, the annual subscription fees are more than JTEL can afford.

Finance Report:

June income included \$500 in donations, the GVEA grant, and \$1976 from plant sales. There was a total of \$4814.46 income. There were \$185.96 in expenses.

The Passive House account: \$14,528.61

Savings: \$30,142.65

Checking: \$878.02

Collections:

63 books were added to the on-line catalog for a total of 6555. There are 5794 shelved in the Clausen Cabin. There are boxes still remaining in the white house in need of sorting and processing.

Growing Ester's Biodiversity:

The plant baskets have been distributed to different businesses. They will be ornamental for the business, but the seeds will be harvested for the seed library. Businesses receiving them include Ursa Major, North Star Center, Gold Hill, EVFD, and One Hit Wonder. Ester Gas will be offered one.

Seeds from the Helfferich family have been donated to GEB.

OLD BUSINESS**Financial Policy:**

Sharon moved to approve the financial policy as presented in final form accepting its changes and format. Mindy seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Website:

Sharon and her daughter, Robin, have been working with it. It needs photos and updates. The current links to committees are for Facilities, Grants, Volunteers, and Members. Many areas need revamping with updated policies, old committees removed, renting policies updated, and programs and events updated. Gary's phone number should be changed to his cell (907-388-8085) only. A link should be added to the newsletter.

Facebook page:

Ritchie needs to get on as an authorized editor. Sharon will contact Kate Wool and Rachael Kvapil (Facebook gurus) to see if assistance and mentoring can be provided. ST is willing to learn more and administrate the page.

July 4th:

Our parade float was "successful". Thank you to Monique Musick and Josh Harris for the use of their four wheeler and wagon. Thanks to float construction and decoration by Gary, Ritchie, and Mina, sign painting to Kristin and Sharon, Ritchie, and Mina. Thanks to Mina and daughter for marching with the float and Gary for driving it. Thanks to Mindy for manning a table with tee-shirts and JTEL info and keeping the library door open during the parade.

Children's Program:

The next program is set for Tuesday, July 13. We should have posters, inclusion in the newsletter, and on the website. The next Jr. Gardeners is set for July 31st..

NEW BUSINESS

Ellen Trigg, relative of John Trigg will be in Fairbanks for a Lathrop HS reunion. A tour of the library should be set up for her.

Ritchie needs to contact Monique for authorization to edit the Facebook page.

Ester Garage Sale:

July 17th at the EVFD. We discussed a table with free books /DVD's and a donation jar. ST will man it and Mindy will transfer the books there.

Fundraising

We discussed holding an event at the Malemute with the entry fee split between the Malemute and JTEL. The evening would include reciting the Cremation of Sam McGee and other poetry readings.

There are now three anti-Mosquito Spraying signs at the gazebo that someone has placed there, which it was agreed is excessive. Mindy will call Amy Cameron to see if she knows about the signs and if we can relocate one or two to other locations.

Ritchie suggested a plan for the future might be to add a shelf with current books, including NY Times authors and others to attract more people. She suggested we consider selling the antique stove to make space for shelving and to raise money. Mindy suggested Ritchie take on the responsibility of dealing with more books. ST thought that we should show increased library usage and interest in checking out newer books before considering any sale of the stove.

Mindy questioned where the JTEL business plan was stored. Somewhere in Google Documents? ST provided the location link.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, August 11th** at 6:30 pm at the Clausen cabin.