

JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY

Board of Directors

June 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order in the Clausen Cabin at 7:06 pm.

Members Present: Gary Pohl, Syrilyn Tong, Mina Doerner, Mindy Gallagher, Sharon Lockwood, Ritchie Musick, Kristen Haney

Agenda:

Mindy moved to approve the agenda, Ritchie seconded and the agenda was adapted.

Minutes:

The minutes from May 13 were reviewed. Sharon moved to accept them with corrections that had been submitted. ST seconded and the minutes were approved. Ritchie asked that directors respond directly to her when receiving the first draft so that corrections can be made to the minutes prior to the next meeting.

President's Report:

The Good Cents GVEA program has funded us \$2275 for a new Toyo stove. Thank you Mina! The JTEL cleanup day went well. Thank you to Monique Musick, Mel Durrett, Mike Musick, Josh Harris, Board members Mina and daughter Linnaea, Kris, and Ritchie. Leaves were raked, the cherry tree was pruned, garden beds were prepared for planting, the Siberian Pea hedge was removed from around the children's playhouse, and the yard generally cleaned up.

The outhouse siding still needs to be put on.

We need flower baskets and rain barrels.

Maintenance: The lawn needs mowing. Charlie Gallagher has a mower and will donate it.

Regular mowing and weeding needs to be done. We do have a volunteer list and should try to locate someone to take on these regular chores.

A Toyo stove will be purchased with the Good Cents grant. We are looking for the name of somebody to haul away our old one

Grant Station is being regularly monitored.

We need to look into the purchase of an HRV for the Clausen Cabin possibly with a grant.

Finance:

See attached report.

The GEB project contributed \$2413.87 through their plant sale, donations, and 18 memberships.

Collections:

The group has been meeting at home via zoom but met on this past Saturday in the Clausen Cabin. 67 entries have been added to the online catalog. Mindy finished sorting the Four Winds collections. The online catalog now has 6492 entries with 5785 items in the

Clausen Cabin. Thank you to Kay Sisson, Karyn Holder, and Mindy for doing this. In June they hope to sort, inventory, and catalog books stored in the sauna including the Guinn collection and others.

Books are still being left on the library doorstep in spite of the sign requesting they not be.

GEB

Prior to the Saturday plant sale the Hartung Hall was rented to protect plants from frost.

Mo, Mel, and Kristen transported fifteen carloads of plants from the University greenhouse to Hartung. Saturday morning Mike and Ritchie helped Mel transport all plants to the Clausen site. Kristen and Mell organized and labeled all, Monique obtained change and manned the sales. At the end of the day Ritchie returned and helped Mel transfer tomatoes and peppers back to the greenhouse at UAF while the remaining plants remained at JTEL and covered where possible. Thank you to all for the great effort!

More soil is needed for GEB projects. \$140 will purchase enough potting soil to fill the remainder of the pots for the greenhouse. Northside Topsoil has offered to give JTEL a discounted price on garden soil. The discount is from \$36/yard to \$25/yard and includes free delivery. The garden soil is for JTEL garden beds, and GEB experimental stations. The experimental stations are 20gal fabric pots planted with plants we hope to save seed from. The stations will be offered to businesses around the community. They will provide beautiful porch pots in exchange for maintaining our plants for the summer. Ritchie moved we authorize up to \$300 to fund this project. ST seconded and the motion passed.

The Microgrant project has okayed our request to apply. We are asking for \$2500 for soil, pots, garden soil, lumber, hardware, compost, and cold storage. This will require a 10% match or \$250 if we receive the grant.

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Library Hours:

We need to establish regular hours if we want to expand our use of the library by the community. We agreed to open from 4-7 on Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Mina and Kristen will alternate on Tuesdays, Sharon on Wednesdays, and Ritchie on Thursdays. Each will find a person to serve as backup if unable to attend at any time. Game nights have been held on Wednesdays in the past. We agreed to begin next week, June 15th.

The collections folks also are in the building from 3-5 on Saturdays doing cataloging.

Childrens Programs:

Sharon has scheduled children's programs monthly on Tuesdays.

June 26th has been reserved by another group so the date will need to be changed.

Website:

Sharon met with daughter, Robin, and found the website frustrating. Currently Monique is administrator of the site along with the Facebook page. They will continue to update the site and change the administrator responsibilities. Ritchie will meet with Mo and be added to the Facebook site as an administrator.

July 4th Parade:

Ritchie will pursue the possibility of having a JTEL float in the parade.

Newsletter:

Ritchie will draft a newsletter to send to our membership list on new hours programs, etc. ST will send her the emails for current and past members.

The **next meeting** will be on Wednesday, July 7 at 7:00 at the Clausen cabin.

Mindy moved to adjourn, Kristen seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ritchie Musick, Secretary