

JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY

Board of Directors

April 10, 2022

Members Present:

Mina Doerner, Sharon Lockwood, Gary Pohl, Mindy Gallagher, Kristin Haney and Syrilyn Tong. Ritchie Musick was excused.

Note: The meeting was held on Zoom using the free version, which times out at 40 minutes per session, so three sessions were required over the course of the meeting.

Gary called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

Agenda:

Sharon moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mindy seconded and the agenda was approved 6-0.

Minutes:

The minutes of March 20 Board meeting were presented. The following were noted:

ST stated that she was not included the list of members present, although the minutes state that all members were present.

ST noted that the minutes reviewed were the shown as the March 20 minutes but should be the February minutes.

ST noted that the Budget Update has a typo "20223" should be "2023".

Gary noted that Kristin was spelled Kristen in three locations.

ST moved to approve them, Kristin seconded and the minutes were approved 6-0 as noted.

Reports

President's Report:

The light at the front entrance has not yet been replaced.

The PickClickGive application for FY22-23 was submitted prior to the due date.

Our annual insurance premiums are due, and the have gone up from \$1,283 to \$1,441, for various reasons. After discussion, ST moved to approve the payment, and Sharon seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Finance:

ST presented the new GEB budget to show how past income and expenses are shown in greater detail and that numbers for FY20-21 now shows a net profit of \$1,326.25. At this point, Mindy opened a discussion around how fiscal year dates are established with a consensus that since the fiscal year ends on October 31 and occurs during two years that the format would be FY21-22.`

The Profit & Loss statement through April 3, 2022 was presented. An additional discussion regarding JTEL and GEB membership clarification was to note that they are the same, members are in both and separate accounts are not possible.

It was also noted that there remains an unpaid invoice due to the GEB plant sale, and that contact had been made to remind the buyer and it was felt that they will be paying it.

Current accounts:

Checking: \$1030.20

Savings: \$29253.28

Passive House: \$14,525.21

Credit Card: \$1094.89 expenses due

Collections:

Mindy noted that the collections group did not meet this month and has been essentially “moth balled” for now.

GEB

Kristin stated that a re-application for a micro-grant has been submitted. There will be a small matching fund requirement.

Kristin has been developing liaisons with other groups, including the Gold Stream Community Garden, and working with the owner of Hoodoo Brewery to provide plants for this coming summer at the outdoor area. In addition, Mel and the two UAF students that she is working with, had made an on-line presentation about the URSA grant.

Plant sales will be held at the Clausen Cabin on Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 28.

Programs

None are specifically planned at the moment.

Mindy said that the Ester Community Association will be having an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday and they would like to put eggs around the Clausen site. Mindy said she would volunteer to be there during the event and would open the cabin if the weather is bad.

Old Business

Opening hours were discussed and it agreed that our website, Facebook and sign at the Ester PO all need to be coordinated to read the same, on an on-going basis.

Sharon stated that she would be gone the next two weeks and Kyra Aistrauts will cover her for her at Clausen Cabin for the two Wednesday afternoons.

New Business

Liaison with Noel Wien Library

Gary and Sharon met with Melissa Harter and Christie Burke at the Noel Wien Library on Tuesday, April 5 at 1 pm. Gary presented JTEL’s overall background and information and stated

that JTEL is interested in examining any opportunities for collaboration the Noel Wien Library. He also stated that the Ester Community loves the Bookmobile and hope to see it here for many years to come. Melissa and Christie were very interested in this potential and suggested several items. Lectures are hosted in the auditorium, and a presentation by GEB may be an idea to be explored. The Noel Wien Library will also be holding a Kids' Literacy/Farmers' Market on July 21, and strongly suggested we set up a table for the event, which had 600 attendees last year. JTEL should get involved with the Alaska Library Association, they are a good organization for Alaska libraries. They also suggested that review our eligibility and funding opportunities with Sen. Murkowski's office, as there will be funding pending distributions for qualified non-profits. Melissa and Christie were invited to get a tour the JTEL facilities, and a date will be set up for late May. Melissa also gave Gary and Sharon a look at functional drawings showing the new Noel Wien Library addition and remodeling project, followed by a tour of the library personal only portions of the library.

Summer Programs Planning

Mindy reminded everyone that we still need to plan for a Volunteer Appreciation event. We also need to recruit new volunteers. Potentially this could be held as part of an open house. Kristin also noted that they need more help for the plant sale, and that last year three of them could barely keep up.

A discussion of reviving the LiBerry Festival for 2022 entailed, with the consensus that it could and should be planned for. After discussion, it was agreed that the location would be the Golden Eagle, and a date of August 27 was advanced. On-going planning and contact with Hillary at the Golden Eagle to confirm the date will be required.

Other Discussion

At this point Sharon indicated that she needed to leave but stated she would like to see the following: HCP parking spot wider; signage at the Parks and at the Clausen Cabin where street visible; computer and printer access for patrons.

Mindy stated the need for and importance of communication; and reiterated the need to coordinate our communication channels, including our website, Facebook, and posted/placarded information. She suggested that a regular mail out of a JTEL newsletter should be put together and Mina agreed to get started on this.

Current hours at the Clausen Cabin were recapped as follows: Tuesdays 4 to 7, Wednesdays 1 to 4, and Thursdays 4 to 7.

It was also noted that "Art Attack" in Judie Gumm's old shop was having an open house on May 14th.

The next JTEL Board Meeting will be on May 15th at 3:30.

Zoom "auto-adjourned the meeting" during the motion to adjourn! Approximately 5:39 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Gary Pohl