

JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY

Board of Directors

February 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm via ZOOM

Members Present:

All Board members were present: Gary Pohl, Mindy Gallagher, Kristin Haney, Mina Doerner, Syrielyn Tong, Ritchie Musick, Sharon Lockwood

Agenda:

Mindy moved to approve the agenda, Sharon seconded and the agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes:

ST moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Mina seconded and the minutes were approved.

President's Report

The JTEL Pick Click Give page on-line has been updated including four new photos of the library. PFD applications are due March 31st, but one can add a donation choice through September.

The Alaska Community Foundation Grant has not been cashed out. They have been contacted and a copy of our agreement put onto GoogleDrive.

The Mail Chimp account has lapsed.

Monique Musick had an article about GEB published on the front page of the Daily News Miner resulting in two new members to the library in order to become Seed Stewards.

Kristen would like a roster of our members and to find a way she could contact GEB members as a group. ST has a membership roster on Excel. She copies the email column of members and pastes them into a bcc mailing. Our membership list is available with total past/current/donors ,etc. Quickbooks has a searchable field.

Facilities:

The summer projects list is not extensive, but volunteers need to be recruited. Outhouse siding needs to be applied and a compost bin built in the yard.

The driveway has been plowed by Scott Allen, and paths need to be shoveled. Gary donated the cost of plowing.

Grants

Grant Station has been updated.

Mina reported on the availability of a grant from the Pilcrow Foundation for books for kids because we are a public library. It would be nice to be able to purchase some series. This requires matching funds. We would buy \$200-\$400 worth of books from their list and they would send \$1200 more chosen from their list.

The Grant workshop program in which Mina had enrolled was cancelled when the presenter got Covid. It will be rescheduled in March. This is sponsored by the AK Community Fairbanks for the Golden Heart Community Foundation.

Mina is not getting new knitters to attend her open hours sessions. Starting March 1st we will put it back on Facebook.

Mina and Gary met with Ventilation Solutions to discuss a ventilation plan for the Clausen Cabin. Fully installed with parts and labor would cost \$4833. Fairbanks Plumbing and heating wants \$96 to come estimate, then would install it but not purchase the equipment. We questioned other possible sources such as Atrol or Holiday Parks. If we installed one we would need to pursue a grant for it. GoodSense requires a year between Grant applications if you received the maximum \$15,000. This will be looked into as we did not receive the max. Golden Heart plus an Awesome Grant could provide \$1000. We could always raise funds with a book sale. Do we actually need an HRV rather than just a filter? Air Quality requires exchange of air through filters. It would offer better protection during fire season, for book protection, and for groups utilizing the building. Do we need UV light for mold control? JTEL did not qualify for Covid mitigation.

Financial

Checking \$907.91

Savings \$29,249.96

Passive House \$14,523.42

(See attached report)

We discussed reimbursing the \$80 to Gary for his payment on snow removal. Such expenses are a part of our budget.

We discussed and examined the proposed budget. Items we would like to see in the budget include more money for children's programs, a light and shelf under the east window, compost bins, and more. ST will rework things for the next meeting.

Collections

No cataloging was done in January or February and there are no plans for doing so in March.

The white shed is inaccessible. Work will resume in April.

The back porch snow load is questionable. Gary has shoveled it earlier and will do it again.

GEB

Kristin has been updating the seed catalog. Mel Durham has finished cleaning last year's seed collection. She has 50+ seed packets made up. She used two students from the Ursa Program at UAF. This program gives her assistance in the greenhouse, and they provide about 3 hours work per week.

Spring plans include expanding the seed steward Program. Monique's submission of articles and publicity to the News Miner has been effective.

Seedy Saturday will be the third Saturday in March which is March 19th. Seed packets will be distributed. Plants are seeded into the greenhouse by the second week in March.

OLD BUSINESS

Programs

Open Hours will resume as before. Tuesday 4-7, Wednesday 1-4, and Thursday 2-5. They will resume after plowing and Gary will inform us when that takes place.

Summer programs will again include junior gardeners. Art and science programs are planned to continue.

Mina has a knitting session on the first and third Tuesdays from 4-6. She has put this on the ECA Facebook site.

Budget

There is \$1600 in income and \$800 in expenses for GEB in the main budget. Gary and Kristin will come up with a specific line item budget for GEB, which ST will incorporate into QuickBooks.

NEW BUSINESS

FNSB Liaison

Gary talked with Christy Burke of the FNSB Library. They are excited to meet with us, however, the Library director, Melissa Harter, has gone back East at present. Gary and others will meet to see if JTEL can have some coordination with them for children's programs, etc. We must be careful not to step on any toes effecting the success of the Bookmobile.

Gazebo

How can we make use of it? It was suggested that we install more picnic tables, have music in the summer, poetry readings, etc.

JTEL Historian

Mindy is working on photo identification which is more history than library. We could use a person assigned to that role. Kay Sisson has helped with identifying people in the old photos. A separate project would be filling in more of the history of the Ester library as Sine Anahita had presented to the board a few years ago."

Upcoming Board

ST announced that we would need a new treasurer before the annual meeting as she will be moving in the fall. That means we will need at least one new Board member. Gary wants to resign as president but will remain on the board.

Minutes

We discussed the procedure for the minutes. Most agreed to continue with email and avoid GoogleDocs.

The next Meeting will be March 20th at 3:30 which is a half hour later than we have been meeting.

Kristin moved to adjourn, ST seconded , the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.