

JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY

Board of Directors Meeting

January 16, 2022

Members present:

Mindy Gallagher, Ritchie Musick, Mina Doerner, Syrilyn Tong, Sharon Lockwood, Gary Pohl

Absent: Kristin Haney

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Pohl at 3:02 pm via Zoom

Agenda

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the November were presented with the secretary unable to have corrected a section regarding planters that were not paid for. By Durham Transport. There was no one present from GEB who could help with the correction, so ST moved and Mina seconded to approve the remainder of the minutes with an understanding that the secretary would make the correction asap.

President's Report

Gary reported that the snow and ice accumulated by the previous storms still needed to be removed from the driveway and door accesses. We are waiting for Scott Allen who has just recently returned from a trip Outside.

The snowload on the roof is questionable. Gary suggested adding a post to the center of the ridgepole inside the cabin. This could be in the form of an adjustable post jack for \$150 or by a pole cut to fit.

The path to the outhouse needs to be shoveled, and later access made to the white house.

Mindy, Gary, and Mina will meet with Ventilation Solutions to investigate costs and methods to provide heat recovery ventilation to the building.

The Omicron virus is still keeping access to the library limited.

Financial Report

The report in the board packet was for (Oct 1 to Jan 14)

Updated to today: Income was \$279.36, Checking account \$806.53, Savings \$25,249.96, Passive House Savings \$14,523.42. The credit card has charges of \$1,101.78.

The Commercial Revenue Sharing grant funds are due any day and will be \$5263.

Mina noted that a \$20 cash donation was made, and she left it in the office.

Collections

7097 books are in the catalog with 5882 of them shelved in Clausen, 1213 are sorted, boxed, and returned to storage in the white house.

The cataloging of the Four Winds collection is complete.

Kay Sisson, Mindy, and Karyn Holder are the catalogers. They will keep on working and next time begin to examine photos stored in the white house.

Due to the amount of snow, some members of the catalog crew cannot access the Clausen Cabin, nor have they been able to access books stored in the white house.

The Guinn collection sorting is finished other than those boxes stored in the trailer. This collection contained mostly cooking, travel, speech and language therapy, history, and fiction. The speech and language books and most of the cookbooks will be relocated to more appropriate places.

James Rogan donated twenty one books of interest.

GEB

There was no report from GEB

OLD BUSINESS

Programs

Programs offered on Wednesday have had low attendance. Nobody came to make wreaths, Sharon and Robin were the only ones to make ornaments, and on the frames day the building was snowed in. There are no plans for new programs at the moment.

The gingerbread house was photographed in the snow and it was entered into the FDNM contest

Programs have been listed on the website since mid-November

Dates need to be set for Seedy Saturday and the seed catalog exchange

Trailer at the Annex

Scott Allen can move it to the Passive House site.

Bucky Largent has a gravel pit as a potential source for the driveway access

Ritchie has the driveway permit and will scan it and sent it to Gary for our files.

Budget and Finance

The budget is not ready for presentation to the Board.

Fund raisers are still unplanned due to Covid. We can count on income from plant sales, memberships, and donation.

Scott Swingle may likely give us the opportunity for a music event next summer.

The Liberry Festival involves pies and perhaps could be moved to an outdoor venue or find some creative way to hold it.

On-line auctions, music programs, and lectures are all possibilities.

Winter Olympics is another possibility.

Readers on the Run was ended because of the need for additional insurance made it too costly.

Pick Click Give has started. Our profile needs to be updated with new photos. Gary will tend to this very soon.

The Knitting evening on Tuesdays has been at a standstill as the building has been closed.

Gary has updated our profile with the Alaska Community Foundation: We have no plans to spend any of our expendable funds and have questions about our endowment funds.

Gary will investigate further. To learn more about our endowment funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Writing Workshop

The Golden Heart Community Foundation is sponsoring a grant writing workshop for grants of \$500 to 2500 on Saturday, Feb 22nd 9:30-12:30. A second workshop on Diversity and Inclusiveness is also available in the afternoon. The whole day is 9:30-4:00. Mina has signed up for both, they are free with limited enrollment. The grant writing for Nonprofits is being facilitated by someone from Washington State.

The Mail Chimp Account

This was set up and used for mass mailings by former president, Monique Musick. It was agreed to let the Mail Chimp account lapse. ST will cut and paste members's email addresses into her gmail account for future mass mailings.

Liaison with Borough Library

It was suggested that we might form a liaison with the Borough library. Gary was to investigate and start by contacting Christy Burkeor Kathy Alton who is on the Foundation for the Library. The Bookmobile comes to Ester on the second Saturday from 12:30 – 1:45.

Noel Wien has children's programs, and it might be possible to coordinate with them

How to Get More people?

We need to keep updating our website and Facebook page. Specific events should be posted at the post office, Goldhill, Ester gas, and the Park.

The elephant in the room is Covid.

The Knitting program has been successful but put on hold with the Covid. Could it continue on Zoom? If the library is officially closed to open hours, Mina could reserve it for a group meeting.

It was decided to officially close the library until February 1st. At that time we would do an e-mail poll to decide on open hours after that. Ritchie moved , Mindy seconded, and the motion passed.

Open House

We never had a grand opening of the Clausen Cabin because Covid occurred. We might consider a grand open house when we are again open.

The next meeting will be February 20th at 3:00 pm. Via zoom.

Sharon moved to adjourn, ST seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ritchie Musick, secretary