

JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY

Board of Directors

May 15, 2022

Members Present: Kristin Haney, Ritchie Musick, Mindy Gallagher, Syrilyn Tong,
Mina Doerner, Gary Pohl

Members Excused: Sharon Lockwood

The meeting was called to order via zoom at 3:36 by President Gary Pohl.

Agenda:

It was suggested that we add the moving of the conex and the discussion with Don Kiely about IT security under Old Business or simply under Gary's report. ST moved to accept the agenda, Mindy seconded and the motion passed.

Minutes:

A number of corrections were offered for the April minutes taken by Gary during Ritchie's absence. Gary corrected the minutes after the meeting, and the corrected minutes will be posted. Ritchie moved to approve the minutes, Mindy seconded and the minutes were approved as corrected.

President's Report:

Gary reported that the FSNB Community Revenue Sharing application for the next fiscal year FY23 has been submitted. He was happy that the building survived the winter with no damage from snow load or other mishap. There was nothing to report that was new. Ritchie pointed out that her husband noticed the downspout on the driveway emptied near the foundation and could undermine the foundation. Gary will check on it.

Financial report:

Yukon river paid the \$524 for the flowers for which they owed. The fire insurance for the library was paid. Phone charges will increase. It was suggested that fuel charges are also likely to increase. On this date \$750 of the \$800 budgeted for GEB has been spent leaving \$50 available. The plant sale will bring in income.

Current checking:	\$1090.09
Savings:	\$28,453.28
Passive House:	\$14,525.21
Credit Card debt:	\$1,889.45

Collections:

The committee has not met recently. James Rogan asked for help with the books section of the Really Free Exchange at UAF on May 21st at 9:00 am.

History:

Mindy met with George Lounsbury, Mardy and Thela Clayton, and Matt Reckard to identify photos. Many people are not identifiable and are most likely old buddies of Ansgar. Some photos were sent to Ansgar's nephew for ID, and he sent back a photo of Ansgar heading off to the Army in 1942 and one of him later in Ester probably in the late 40's or early 50's. Matt Reckard suggested that Scott Swingle might like some photos for his Gold Camp renovations. . Some VHS tapes are available from both Matt and George.

GEB

Plants have been maintained in the UAF greenhouse for the last two months. They will be moved to the library on April 27th for the plant sale on the 28th.

OLD BUSINESS

Dates have not yet been set for planting at the library. GEB will continue the Jr gardeners program this summer. Other programs have not yet been set.

Gary reported on his visit with Don Kiely. We got a lot for our \$100 investment. He suggested updates for our website and gave a tutorial to Gary. Existing programs were updated including "WordPress", and a free version of "Updraft" security was installed. Don is also on call for us at any time needed.

NEW BUSINESS**Open House**

A volunteer Appreciation open house is being planned for June 4th at which volunteers will be recognize. We have two types, those who regularly help or those who come once in a while for a specific project. Recognition may be in the form of a leaf on our tree. Each leaf would have the name and the type of volunteerism. With the plant sale on the 28th it was suggested that we could have a couple of cleanup sessions on Tuesday the 24th and Thursday the 26th. A planning session for the event will be held on Thursday May 26th from 4 to 5. Ritchie moved to budget \$250 for the event and Mindy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Liberry Festival

Scheduled for August 27th at the Golden Eagle.

Noel Wien Library interaction.

Gary and Sharon met with Melissa Harter and Christy Burke at Noel Wien and discussed ways we might interact with them. They suggested the Kids Literacy Event on Thursday, July 21 from 3-6pm at which we might set up a table.

Facebook Image

We received a letter saying that a bubble image on our Facebook page was copyrighted and we had no permission to use it. We are asked to remove it immediately and pay a fine of \$315. This came from a source called PicRights International and referred to an image No. AFP_VO65R. Ritchie took the photo from the internet from what she believed to be public domain. We are questioning if this is a scam or something to be concerned about. Ritchie will locate the source(s) from which the picture came. ST will forward the email to board members.

Future Board Recruitment

Mina and ST will both be leaving the area and will need to be replaced on the board. Our positions are formally up in October. Ritchie offered the possibility of moving her open hours to those of Mina's to help with the knitting group. She is not willing to add this onto her regular Thursday hours. Mindy suggested that the group could simply use the library as a member group and if folks came in to check out books it would not be a problem. Gary is not willing to serve another year as President but will remain on the board, Ritchie is willing to take on Treasurer if ST will train her in Quickbooks. A new secretary will be needed.

New Business in Ester

Art Attack will be having an open house and party on May 20th. They will be opening an art gallery in Judie Gumm's former shop.

The next meeting will be the third Monday of the month. This will be June 20th at 6:30 pm.

ST moved to adjourn the meeting, Mindy seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 5:11.

Respectfully submitted,
Ritchie Musick, Secretary