

JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY
Board of Directors
August 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Pohl at 6:36 pm in the Clausen Cabin.

Members Present: Gary Pohl, Sharon Lockwood, Mindy Gallagher, Syrilyn Tong, Ritchie Musick
Absent (in Washington): Kristin Haney
Interested: Mel Durrett

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

One correction was offered. Mindy Gallagher was not present but marked so. ST moved to approve, Sharon seconded and the minutes were approved as corrected.

President's Report:

The Liberry Festival is coming on August 27th. Gary has lined up three bands and has printed fliers available for distribution.

Financial Report:

ST reported no income for the month. Expenditures included \$50 from cash for the Liberry Festival and an expenditure from GEB for \$738.44 for garlic leaving a balance for GEB of \$1504 for the year. See attached report for all expenditures.

Current balances:

Credit Card:	\$ 1187.77 Debit
Mt McKinley checking:	387.26
Mt McKinley savings	31,557.51
Passive House	14,527.36

Collections

No report.

GEB

The garlic has been bought for purchase by GEB members and others.

They are planning a Seedstock event on Sep 17th from 12-4. This will include a presentation on how garlic is planted and maintained. A seed saving presentation will be offered by Mel. Monique Musick will do the advertising for the event.

OLD BUSINESS

Childrens' Programs

The treasure hunt had 8 in attendance and constructing the Bird Feeder had 10.

When asked how they heard about the event some said they were walking by and saw activity, some were returning participants from earlier programs, and some saw it on Ester Facebook page.

Wednesday will be the back to school ice cream social. There have been 38 likes on Facebook's posting of the event.

Library Open Hours

Mindy has been attending the knitting on the first and third Tuesdays (formally Mina Doerner's day). There will be knitting on the fifth Tuesday. Kristin opens on second and fourth Tuesdays and will be backed by Mel if unable to be there. Ritchie opens on Thursdays but will be gone starting August 28th or 29th not returning until Thanksgiving.

It was suggested that we have volunteers sign up for Library open hours.

Liberry Festival:

It is set for August 27th at the Golden Eagle. Flyers are printed and members were asked to select specific places to post.

Flyers will be posted on Facebook pages.

Three judges have been selected: Jennifer Jolis, Jeannie Williamson, and Kristin Haney.

Pie sellers at the event will be Sherri Schleiter and Kristin Haney.

Kay Sisson and Mindy will collect the pie entries taken to Clausen cabin for judging and cut the pies for sales.

Pies will be carried to the Golden Eagle by Kristin, Ritchie, Mel, and Mindy at 5 pm.

Ritchie will wander and fill in or help as needed.

Needed supplies have been purchased and include serving items and two cash boxes, one for the door and one for the pie sales.

Workers at the door to take entry fees are Gail and Brian Feeny. Entry donation is \$10.

Training on the use of the square will be Wednesday at 1:00 pm at Clausen.

Other items to be on hand include the donation jar, prior cookbooks priced at \$30, and JTEL membership forms.

Trailer

Scott Allen has covid and, after his recent accident, has not been available to move it.

The site has been bladed and probably does not need gravel.

The landing gear on the trailer needs repair.

Pic-Rights

ST did much research into the attempt by Pic-Rights to obtain \$314 for use of a copy protected bubble photo taken from the internet and used on our Facebook advertisement for a children's program last summer. This is not a scam but more like an extortion. They are based out of Switzerland and have bots that scour the internet looking for

unauthorized use of their catalogued photos. There is a lawyer, Darren Heitner, who charges \$110 to represent clients like us to the group and negotiate a lower fee. They have represented more than 300 cases and “guarantee” that their fee plus the negotiated amount will be less than the initial charge. If we do not respond to the allegations the general procedure is to turn the fine over to a law firm and bump the price up.

Ritchie moved that ST pursue the contract with the lawyer, Sharon seconded, and the motion passed.

Golden Heart Community Foundation Grant Program

The application to this program arrived and Gary will check it out.

Passive House

Ritchie pointed out that with the advanced recognition of climate change and the need to divest from fossil fuels that we might be in a great position to pursue grants for building the passive house.

NEW BUSINESS

None

The next meeting will be September 19th at 6:30 pm.

Sharon moved to adjourn, Mindy seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ritchie Musick, Secretary