

JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY

Board of Directors

July 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President, Gary Pohl, in the Clausen Cabin at 6:34 pm.

Members Present: Gary Pohl, Sharon Lockwood, Kristin Haney, Ritchie Musick, Syrilyn Tong, Mindy Gallagher
Mina Doerner has moved away leaving a Board vacancy.

Minutes:

The spelling of "Trigg" was corrected in the title of the June 20th minutes. Sharon moved to approve, Kristin seconded and the minutes were approved.

President's Report

Gary reported that a box of seeds was left at the front door without any comments.

Also at the front door were three trophies from the Ester July 4th parade

The lawn needs mowing. The mower is kept in the shed and the key to the shed kept with the other Clausen keys. The mower is hard to start and requires much priming. Gary will mow tomorrow.

Eric Glos has a meter pole for the Passive site stored at his house and will bring it to Clausen.

The lock box at the back door was not locked when Gary checked it. We need to be very sure it catches when using it.

Gary checked out the website of Pic Rights International, the group that is ordering us to pay a \$314 fine for using the bubble image last summer. It appears legitimate, but is an independent group that represents multiple entities and is listed on Dunn & Bradstreet. After a round of discussion ST volunteered to do further research on Pic Rights before we respond.

Financial

Income since the last meeting was \$1827. GEB has a net income balance of \$2242.80 for fiscal year 21/22. This includes \$524 from last year's sale of flowers to the Yukon site.

Accounts to date:

Checking:	\$ 1,123.62
Savings:	31,057.51
Passive House:	14,527.36
Credit Card debt:	186.36

Collections

Nothing new to report as the committee has not been meeting.

Some newer books were donated, and pockets and cards inserted but not catalogued. They were left on the library table for people to check out if desired.

GEB

All the sets have been planted. The excess plants on the porch have been sold or given away. Garden maintenance is being done with care and watering. New seeds are being collected. GEB is again selling garlic. Last year 30 lbs were presold for \$835. It is too late to take pre-orders. This year we may order the same amount and sell directly. It was suggested we order some extra. This is hard neck garlic which is planted in fall and overwinters yielding fresh garlic in the spring. Mel might do a seed saving workshop for garlic. It was suggested we contact members and try to get an estimate of those who want to order. Ritchie moved we approve \$900 to cover the cost of the garlic, Kristin seconded the motion. ST amended the amount to be \$750, Sharon seconded and the amendment passed along with the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

Programs

We are continuing the knitting group on the first and third Tuesdays. Kristin opens on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

Sharon has been offering programs on Wednesday afternoons. Nobody came to the flower workshop, three to Geocaching (called at the last moment), and nobody for the bike workshop. We discussed the need to increase the publicity. The bike workshop was not well explained and may have drawn more people if they did not think it was just for children. A scavenger hunt will be held tomorrow, and an opportunity to make a bird feeder in August. We need to push the publicity on these as much as possible. Ritchie has been updating Facebook as information is passed on. The entries are shared to the Ester Facebook Page by Mindy, and everybody is welcome to share as much as possible. It was suggested that we mail the information on programs to our membership list. We should survey participants that come to these events asking how they learned of it. We currently need a photo of the bird feeder to include in the upcoming information.

Liberry Festival

The Liberry Festival will be held on August 27th at the Golden Eagle. Pies will be brought to the Clausen cabin for judging then transported to the Eagle for purchase, etc. A committee meeting for planning will be held at Clausen at 4:00 on July 28th. ST, Mindy, Ritchie, and Gary will attend.

Kids Literacy Farmers Market

This will be held on July 21st at Weeks Field sponsored by the Noel Wien Library. JTEL will have a table at which children will play literacy games and earn coins with which to purchase veggies. Ritchie will provide a canopy and a table. Gary will bring a table and chairs from Clausen, and Mindy will bring games that were lent by Kristin.

Trailer Move

The trailer will be moved from Don Cameron's site to the Passive House site. This will possibly require 3 truckloads of gravel. There is a \$600 limit before we must report to the IRS. We are working with Scott Allen on this. Gary stated that he would pay for any amount over \$600.

NEW BUSINESS**JTEL iPad**

The iPad owned by JTEL is broken and unuseable. It is needed for using the square platform for purchases. It was decided to purchase a new one. Ritchie voted to authorize \$500, Sharon seconded and the motion passed.

Mina has moved away and needs to be replaced on the Board. Her term is up in 2022 so we need to replace her before or at our fall membership meeting. The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development requires that non-profit entities have a minimum of seven board members.

Alaska Community Foundation

They have information on the new ESG Pool. The State is offering information on "How to Invest" which is available as a recording.

Community Revenue Sharing

Eric Holland from the FNSB who oversees the Community Revenue Sharing Grants has been invited to visit JTEL. He will come after lunch on Wednesday.

Ester Community Planning Meeting

This anticipated meeting to bring together all the groups in Ester will be held in late September. The venue will be the Ester Gold Camp. It was decided that JTEL should hold a pre-meeting to prepare for this community event. It was decided to do this shortly after Labor Day.

The next JTEL Board meeting will be on August 15th at 6:30pm.

Ritchie moved to adjourn, ST seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ritchie Musick, Secretary