

## **JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY**

### **Board of Directors**

June 20, 2022

**Members present:** Kristin Haney, Mina Doerner, Mindy Gallagher, Gary Pohl, Ritchie Musick, Sharon Lockwood

**Excused:** Syrilyn Tong

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 by President Gary Pohl in the Clausen cabin.

Mindy moved to approve the agenda, Mina seconded, and the agenda was approved.

### **Sherri Schleiter Presentation**

Sherri was invited to give a presentation before the business part of the meeting. She initiated the formation of the Historic Committee (of which she was the sole member) while previously on the JTEL Board. This committee organized the Ester Republics and made a scrapbook of loose materials and articles. On her own initiative she established a Facebook page called the Ester Historic Society. She is the only administrator on this page and looking for at least one other person to be an administrator as well. Her concern arose from having been very sick the past year, and she wanted someone to be able to step in if she could no longer manage the page. She was hoping to recruit someone on the JTEL Board, or get a suggestion for who might be interested in being an administrator with her. She is also hoping to link it somehow to the JTEL Facebook page. She has purchased a professional scanner of archival quality and wants help to set this scanner up in order to connect to this page. It was suggested that Monique Musick or LJ Evans might be able to help with this. Our website has a link to History but there is not much there. It was suggested that Sherri might be added to the website as an administrator and develop this link.

### **Minutes of May 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Sharon moved to approve the minutes, Mindy seconded and the minutes were approved as presented. Ritchie will send a final copy to Gary for permanent filing.

### **President's Report**

The threatened "fine" over the bubble image used on our Facebook invitation to bubble making last summer was discussed. The latest letter threatened that we pay the fine within 14 days or contact an attorney. Gary was directed to phone the number on the letters and find a solution. The image at the time used was on multiple web sites.

A message was sent to was sent to info@esterlibrary from a "Jason" at Animal Health Professionals regarding whether we accept donations. It was agreed to ignore the request.

Gary cut the grass with the lawnmower stored in the shed. A name was given to Sharon from Renee at the Ester PO that she has the post office lawn cut by

Angie (907-799-9305) in case JTEL ever wanted to hire someone to mow our lawn.

Gary indicated that he had posted all approved minutes to date on the website.

### **Financial Report:**

Checking account :	\$2141.93
Savings account:	\$28,453.28
Passive House Account:	\$14,525.21
Credit Card Debt:	\$-465.75

The income from the plant sale was \$2600 and the event brought us 4 or 5 new members.

GEB net income for 20/21 was \$1800.58. Net Income for 21/22 is \$2163.80.

### **Collections**

Acceptance has been limited to books in good condition and of recent publication. Our collections have consisted of a sampling rather than completeness because of space.

A question had been raised at a previous meeting about a recent newspaper article on the FE Company dredge in Ester, but there was a question about who on the board knew about it. Mindy found a newspaper article on the News-Miner website from last year and asked if this was what the person was talking about. Gary confirmed that it was. He has the original article from the newspaper, but it was agreed that Mindy would print off the article from the News-Miner website and add it to the historical collection.

### **GEB (Growing Ester's Biodiversity)**

This year's sale provided less plants, but a greater quantity were sold. We had volunteer help from Jesse White, a library member, and Lillian Nelson, one of Mel Durrett's student volunteers.

The Clausen beds have been planted, and flowers have been separated for use in hanging baskets. Some plants were given to Goldstream's Community Garden. Flowers were given to the Ester fire station and to the Ester Community Park.

The seed collection needs to be reorganized.

The compost bin has yet to be built, but we have the materials.

We again applied to the USDA for a microgrant but have received no word back. We are asking for funds for a cooler (refrigerator),

GEB boxes that were on the floor of the library are now in the storage room.

The building does have a 225 gallon water tank that could work with a submersible pump. It is hard to access it, as the access is under the office floor. It is also uninsulated and would not be available in winter.

Kristin made an Olla, a permanent underground terra cotta water vessel like the one being used in the PO planter.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

## **Programs**

A great summer program has been set up by Sharon. For the bike safety checkup on June 6<sup>th</sup> only one person attended. The next one scheduled for Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> will be on geocaching. Four volunteers are coming as instructors.

Operating hours will remain the same. Mina's last session will be this coming Tuesday. Tuesdays can continue with regular attendees of the knitting night including Nancy Slayton, Mindy, and possibly others.

The LiBerry fundraiser is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>. Pies will be brought to Clausen cabin where judging will take place. They will then be carried over to the Golden Eagle.

On July 21<sup>st</sup> from 3-6 the Noel Wien library will host a Kids' Literacy Farmers Market. JTEL will have a table there. Kristin has interactive games that she will bring to the library to be used at the event. Gary, Ritchie, and Mindy volunteered to host the table for the event.

Our trailer has been moved off its location at Don Cameron's shop and needs to be moved to our passive house site. Scott Allen will move it soon. We need to move the Passive House sign and add information about visiting our current operation in Clausen.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Board Assignments to Media**

Gary oversees the website, Ritchie oversees Facebook, Mindy posts on Ester Community, and ST maintains an email list for JTEL members.

Mina has been answering the phone and taking messages, but this will end June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Miscellaneous**

The annual garage sale at EVFD will be July 9<sup>th</sup>. It was decided not to take down any books as the effort far exceeds any return.

Mindy was considering getting a table at the Fairbanks Community Garage Sale at the fairgrounds on July 9 and 10. She would need help moving books and needed to know if people wanted to participate since there are more buyers than at the Ester Garage Sale. It was decided that it would be a lot of work moving boxes of books. It does cost \$30 to get a space in the sale, so we decided not to do this.

We need to plan transition training for new board members and responsibilities.

ST has been in charge of mail, bills, and credit card debt and will be leaving.

It was decided that JTEL would not make a float for the Ester July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

### **Next Meeting**

We decided to make the third Monday of the month our regularly scheduled meeting date. Our next meeting will be on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Clausen.

Sharon moved to adjourn, Mindy seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21.

Respectfully submitted,

Ritchie Musick, Secretary