

JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Mindy Gallagher at 7:02 pm in the Clausen Cabin.

Board Members Present

Gary Pohl, Mindy Gallagher, Kristin Haney, Mel Durrett, Kathy Nava (a quorum)

Excused: Syrilyn Tong, Ritchie Music

Approval of Agenda

Approved by acclamation of those present.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

The minutes of the March 19, 2023, Board meeting were approved by acclamation of all of those in attendance on that date, with the following comments: the name Ambrose to be added at the blank line: revise GEB to take out the work “only” and state that +six families and a few stragglers” were at Hartung Hall.

President’s Combined Report (includes Collections and Publicity)

Mindy stated that Kadey Ambrose won’t be here past April 22 and 29, and that she (Mindy) will be here on Saturdays after that. Looking for volunteer forms. Clausen seems to be getting a little more traffic, hoping for a trend. Eleven new books were added to the catalog. Potential volunteer recognition/open house in June. Madeline Handley will be living in the house to the east next door. Katherine Reardon is moving out. Can we make renewal automatic for members by checking a box? Let’s get with ST when she gets back and see if it can be added to Square.

Other Reports

Finance: ST submitted financials, no comments or questions received, financials good.

Facilities: Door locks repaired. “Open” sign needs repair. Pergola needs repair; the center collapsed. Compost bins are to be built this spring out of the palettes on site.

Grants: Apply for HRV unit, GVEA GoodCents. Need more than one quote besides Ritchie’s son. Gary to get this in process.

Newsletter: Add blurb about the *Superheroes Night Out*. Mel stated that “Monday Night Book Club” is the official name and should be used consistently in newsletter.

Children/Family Programs: Kathy: On Saturday, April 8, there were no attendees at the activities. On Sunday, Easter Egg hunt had 15 parents and kids, did left over crafts in addition to Easter Egg hunt (six kids were signed up).

Monday Night Book Club: Happening on April 17 at Clausen. “Braiding Sweetgrass” will be the topic of discussion.

GEB: Kristin, two persons have come and checked out seeds. Have been starting seeds at the IAB Greenhouse. Getting ready for Memorial Day plant sale on Saturday, May 27, Noon to 4 pm. Need to buy for label maker tape, plant labels, which are included in the approved budget. Mel is writing a web-based program to put out on our WordPress website, or otherwise link to it. Plant Sale: May 27 at Clausen Noon to 4 pm.

Best-selling Fiction Collection: Not much activity for this collection.

Fundraising - Superheroes Night Out: ST sent out list of persons contacted and what is in hand and status of all. The Board reviewed and disseminated follow up tasks. Mindy is keeping track of who is following up on who. Gary to look at what he might have that can be donated in Amy Pohl’s name, mostly clothes. Publicity: Mel will do the poster; Monique will do the graphics. Banner for the Parks/Old Nenana is at Monique’s. PSAs: KUAC, Channel 11 Community Calendar, News-Miner. ST to provide sound system, and Gary to provide drum kit, bass amp, guitar amp. Kathy will follow up on PSAs. Ritchie will do “thank you cards” after the event. A coordination will be held when ST gets back, on Saturday the 13th with a time to be determined.

Old Business

Programs and Operating Hours: Gary will be gone two Wednesdays, April 26 and May 3, so a sign will be put on the door that the library will not be open those dates. Home School business set aside for now, maybe look at it again in summer.

New Business

Goals: Briefly reviewed the Goals on the wall poster that was up on the cabinet. Getting community use is a big one. Mel: ECA has been using it for Zoom meetings. Also: GEB, Book Club, Knitting. Mindy will look at the list and see if she can add to it.

Date of Next Board Meeting: Sunday, May 21, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at approximately 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary H. Pohl, Secretary