

JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY
Board of Directors
August 20, 2023

Members:

Present: Syrilyn Tong, Mindy Gallagher, Kristin Haney, Ritchie Musick, Kathy Nava
Absent (excused): Gary Pohl

Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented

Minutes: The minutes of the July 16th meeting were approved as presented.

President's Report

JTEL was present with a booth at Noel Wien Library's Literacy Market, Ester's July 4th celebration, and Ester Fest.

Clutter management has resulted in catalog supplies being moved to the short file cabinet in the storage room. Another file cabinet plus one shelf in the storage room is available for Family Program materials. A TV cabinet on the porch has been cleared and made available for GEB use. A CD player is taking up space and will be removed unless there is a need for it. More space is needed for the Best-Selling Fiction section. We could use a bookshelf or wall storage units.

Should we consider joining the Library Consortium to have our books available online and expand access to selections? We would need to improve our online system to do this. Mindy wrote up a summary to help people access the Library Consortium online catalog and put it in the display with Noel Wien info.

Collections cataloging continues with adding books to both storage and shelves. Most of these were children's and Alaskan. 12 books were added in June, 37 in July, and 22 thus far in August.

We need to set a work party to clean the white building.

Finance Report

(See attached)

Income for the past month totaled \$18.63, expenses were \$254.37.

Income Oct 1, 2022 to August 12, 2023 was \$7716.59 and expenses were \$9,463.69.

A report on bank balances was not available.

GEB

Kristin reported that they would be picking up lumber for the construction of the new garden beds. There will be 12 boards, each 2"x12" and 10 foot long. This will be the most economical way of cutting for the needed sizes. These will be constructed on the Passive House site during the Sep 3 work party.

Ritchie still has the filled cloth pots available for pick up.

A work party is scheduled for September 3rd at noon.

Garlic has been ordered for delivery on Sep 24th.

One more Jr Gardeners Program will be held on Sep 7th.

GEB is still looking for a refrigerator without an included freezer.

Programs

Kathy reported on the Literacy Market activity that was tabled by her and Mindy as being well attended and was a busy time. It was also a very hot day.

At Ester Fest free books were handed out to anyone wanting them. The Wood River School librarian, Leslie Kitchen, donated books for this. Several new members took information on JTEL.

The "Back to School" ice cream social was attended by 11 people, 7 being kids. It was a rainy day!

Monday open hours shift will now be covered by Kathy from 3-6. The High School-Junior High School bus is now coming before 3:00, and the younger ones at 4:07.

Craft activities are not currently being offered on Saturdays as they were not well attended.

Newsletter

We should include information on the Pie Throwdown on Sep 23rd and ask for volunteers.

We should ask for new Board member applications.

Advertise open workshop hours (for students or anybody) on Mondays from 3-6.

Craft activities will be offered every other Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS

Gary is gone until the 30th, Ritchie will be gone Oct 4-31, ST will be gone Aug 27-Sep 11.

A craft program might include the making of an Appalachian broom .

The current business plan dated 2019 has been located and is being updated.

Liberry Pie Festival:

Kayt Sunwood is looking for three bands. Tentative are Ken Brown and Crooked Road, a solo performer, WT Effington, and perhaps Almost a Minion.

Sine Anahita has designed the poster. Last year we ordered 10 copies 11x17, and 20 copies 8X10, all colored for \$34.47.

The program time schedule will be:

2-4 bring Entries to JTEL: Ritchie, Mindy, and maybe Karyn will receive.

4-5 Judges taste: Mike Musick, Kristin, and one other person will judge.

4 Set up sound

5 Set up and bring the pies to the Eagle: Kathy, Mike, and Kristin will carry.

6 Official start

8 Auction

A supply list is available from last year.

NEW BUSINESS

Kristin offered to set up a Google Drive Account that all Board members can access. This met with approval from the Board.

A metal shelf was delivered but needs assembling. Kathy offered to help with this and to move boxes.

We briefly discussed the role of the Passive House with regards to the Community Planning Session coming up next month. We did not have the data to come to any conclusions regarding its heat source, alternate energy sources, its floor plan with possible adjustments for increased meeting space, etc. We agreed that JTEL is willing to share it

with the ECA but without more data we reached no conclusions as to exactly how. This discussion can be continued at our next meeting.

The next meeting will be on September 10 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ritchie Musick, acting Secretary