

JOHN TRIGG ESTER LIBRARY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Mindy Gallagher at 7:07 pm in the Clausen Cabin.

Board Members Present

Gary Pohl, Mindy Gallagher, Syrielyn Tong, Kristin Haney, Mel Durrett, Kathy Nava, Ritchie Musick

Approval of Agenda

Approved by acclamation.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

The minutes of the February 19, 2023, Board meeting were approved by acclamation of all of those in attendance on that date.

President's Combined Report (includes Collections and Publicity)

Mindy discussed the issue of "public" library, which JTEL is by definition, but we are not part of the FNSB library system. We are open to the public and anyone can attend Board meetings. She stated the benefits of being a member of JTEL. Community revenue sharing funds have been received. Pick-Click-Give has been set up for 2023. The annual insurance forms have been submitted. New volunteer Katia "Kat" Ketson came by Clausen and met with Mindy and Gary. It would be good if she had a mentor. Kat has lots of great ideas. Another volunteer Kadey _____, has other ideas and programs in mind. Mindy also stated that we need volunteer forms at Clausen.

As for cataloging, 27 new books in January, more in February. Also, the big thing coming up is *Superheroes Night Out* on Saturday, May 20th, now in the planning stages.

Other Reports

Finance: ST deposited CRS funds at bank. Virginia Farmier agrees that we only need to do the little postcard 990N per ST. Ritchie asked about the fuel bill and how much we may have saved with all the improvements.

Facilities: Door lock issues. Ritchie moved to replace, Mel seconded to replace the locks on both doors and get new keys. Gary suggested a \$250 budget. A functional front porch light is needed, Gary to investigate.

Grants: Gary to initiate contact with Lisa Murkowski's office to investigate the feasibility of a grant for the new Library and what would be required.

Newsletter: Kathy requested everyone let her know if there is anything for the April newsletter, deadline is March 25. Gary needs to “populate” contacts into Blue Host for newsletter distribution. Mindy talked to Noel Wien person about copywrite issues. Photos of book covers are okay, but not anything else should be posted without risk. Quotes from books are a problem. Mel mentioned “Pixa” free app where everything is open source. Also, there is a AI app that can generate an image that is owned by the person who generates it. Who should reply to emails sent to info@esterlibrary? To avoid duplication and confusion it was the consensus that the person in charge of the relevant item (e.g. GEB, book club, newsletter, etc.) should be the respondent.

Monday Night Book Club: “Braiding Sweetgrass” for April 17th.

GEB: Kristin indicated that GEB had been involved in two seed swaps. Fairbanks Soil and Water’s program was attended by Kristin and Mel on the 4th (30-40 attendees, good contacts made). “Seedy Saturday” was held on the 18th and only six people checked out seeds out of seven attendees. Last year there were more like 30. Mel is planting seeds at the UAF greenhouse. Tom from Calypso attended and invited GEB to come see their soil blocking. Kristin will be starting Junior Gardeners program, probably in April. Kristin filled out form for the MicroGrant and generated a budget: \$746 for refrigerator, (Kristin to send me information). Kristin has developed a form for seed requests for members to use, and which non-members can use on Seedy Saturday only.

Best-selling Fiction Collection: Ritchie: One book was checked out and returned.

Children/Family Programs: A family of three came, working on developing program.

Superheroes Night Out: The date has been set at May 20 at Golden Eagle. Band(s) need to be lined up. Posters and publicity are to be generated. Items for the silent auction from local businesses need to be solicited. ST will put together a letter that can be used for this purpose. Who will solicit for items? To avoid confusion and duplication, Mindy got out a map and divided it up by areas to solicit. ST and Ritchie agreed to do the University West and Ester areas. Mindy and Kathy will do College Road and Airport Way areas. Gary can ask Lulu’s, Sundog and others but preferred to approach people he knows. Ten items should be generated per team. A number of JTEL Board members traveling during the period before the events, including: ST, Ritchie, Mindy and Gary. Gary will get busy lining up bands. ST suggested that they be danceable and not too loud. Gary will approach Petty Crimes, the Tom Petty cover band that was well received at last year’s LiBerry Festival. Kathy will investigate getting KUAC PSA on the air. Ritchie volunteered to run the silent auction. ST has detailed notes from prior Superheroes. ST to provide sound and Gary to provide drums, bass amp. Gary stated that we need to monitor timeline, or potentially set up a schedule. It was agreed that an April 2nd email exchange amongst the Board would be set up to monitor progress.

Old Business

Programs and Operating Hours: Nothing changed. ST changed the website to show open hours on Wednesdays from 4-7 pm which are staffed by Gary.

Homeschool Library Time: Kristin doesn't have time to do this and is not promoting it.

New Laptop: Mindy to buy laptop PC with a \$400 budget. Mel moved Kristin seconded, unanimous.

New Business

Goals: Tabled.

Date of Next Board Meeting: Sunday, April 16, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at approximately 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary H. Pohl, Secretary