

JTEL Retreat and November Board Meeting

November 17, 2024

- I. Meeting commenced: 1327 hours.
- II. Persons Present: ST, Sarah Albers, Darwin Cameron, Devta Khalsa, Kristin Haney, Kathy Nava (Bianca Blickenstaff joined in progress). Excused: Cat Stephenson and Neesa Parker
- III. Introductions – people went around the room and gave introductions
- IV. President’s Slideshow – History, locations, the New Building, mission/vision/values, goals, budget, programs and fundraisers
 - a. Mission/vision/values – Devta thought coming up with fresh ideas rather than starting and changing the old mission statement might be more beneficial, so everyone began brainstorming what they wanted in a new mission/vision/values statement: unification of community, invite and embrace community, inspire to participate, discovery and curiosity, communication gathering, sense of belonging, reflects values, learning/education/studying, hi speed WiFi. Sarah and probably Cat to use AI (Perplexity) to come up with draft statements.
 - b. Goals – everyone came up with the following FY25 goals:
 - i. Write mission/vision/value statements – Sarah and Cat
 - ii. Obtain funding for new library - ST
 - iii. Come up with vision for new building w/ practical considerations (ie. Plans/parking/space/community center) - board
 - iv. Review and revise policies and bylaws as necessary - Sarah
 - v. Put seed catalog on internet - Kristin
 - vi. Website redesign and update – Bianca
 - vii. Go through and sort the books in the white house – Darwin (in conjunction with Mindy and another volunteer)
 - viii. Tap into our volunteer base for assistance with staffing - board
 - ix. Determine what days/times work for our clients and target hours towards them - ST
 - c. Budget – ST stated that for the last 8 or so years, we’ve been in the black and thus have money to spend on things – whether they be for books, facility maintenance or website design. The previous year’s budget was ok’d to move over into FY25, with a little extra for inflation, with the exception of adding extra money for facilities maintenance and website design (if Bianca can’t re-do the website)
 - d. Committee heads – the following people agreed to be heads of the respective committees
 - i. Clausen facilities – Kristin
 - ii. Grants – ST

- iii. Volunteers – Cat
- iv. Policy review and rewrite – Sarah
- v. Collections – Darwin
- vi. Marketing – Bianca
- vii. Historical photos – Devta and Kathy
- viii. Business plan – Bianca
- ix. Arts and Crafts programming – Bianca wished to use JTEL’s space for homeschool arts and crafts programs; thus a new committee was formed

V. Old Business

- a. Approval of October’s BOD minutes – approved by unanimous consent
- b. CD’s for excess money in 2 savings accounts – ST stated that we have a large sum of money in our 2 savings accounts which are drawing .1% interest, and 2 BOD meetings ago, we voted to open up 2 CD’s, which were 4.6% at that time. Since then, Mt. McKinley Bank’s CD are now at 1.2% (1 yr), 1.31% (2 yr) or 1.61% (5 yr). All agreed that a 5 year CD was too long to put a large sum of money out of reach. The Board agreed that Sarah was to look into other banks’ rates, to include online banks.
- c. Outhouse – ST gave a briefing on the status of the ADA outhouse which is designated to be off of the back porch. The board agreed that with the possibility of more people using the outhouse, to include non-disabled persons using it, the “poop-sicle” may not become the hard mass that it might become if only a handful of people use it. ST is to continue to do more research into what other organizations do.
- d. Gazebo benches – 2 of the benches have lost the top (the bench part), although the supports may still be viable. Bianca stated that if the supports are still good, she would like to design the top with wood carvings.

VI. New Business - Email votes for the record

- a. Approval of Sept. minutes (Kristin, Kathy, ST and Sarah approved via email)
- b. Monthly board meeting days/time – 1st Monday of the month from 6:30-8:30

VII. Meeting adjourned: 1558 hours