

## Ester Village Library Board Meeting

Feb 2, 2026

- I. Call to order: 6:30pm  
Persons present: ST, Sarah, Elizabeth, Darwin, Kathy, Kristin, & Devta via WhatsApp.  
Public present: Doug Dawson.
- II. Approval of agenda: Approved by Unanimous Consent
- III. Approval of Dec's BOD minutes: Approved by Unanimous Consent
- IV. Committee & Program updates
  - A. Policies, walkway, Trigg tribute updates – ST
    1. Historic Walkway update: Sarah researched the history of Ester and gave us a short run-down of important dates (EVFD est. 1974, ECA est. 1941). ST got on the Ester Historic FB site and is getting ideas from them. ST will interview with local old timers for more ideas. Darwin told ST that Matthew Reckard would know lots of Ester History. Devta: "This idea/project utilizes regenerative practices and will encourage/strengthen our relationship with the community"
    2. A memorial/tribute to John Trigg will happen mid-summer, but won't be connected to fund raising events
    3. Three Policy updates approved by unanimous consent:
      - a. Conflict of Interest Policy
      - b. Finance Policy – increased limits for spending w/o pre-approval
      - c. Board Member Roles and Responsibilities
  - B. Treasurer's budget, survey update – Elizabeth
    1. Survey update - not yet complete, but at least 28 surveys received. Elizabeth read the comments
    2. Discussion on how to get more men involved, as most active members are female. Kristin had some friends who may be interested in a D&D night.
  - C. Marketing – website and newsletter – Kathy, ST
    1. Newsletter – Feb. is Black History Month, but no other Library events going on other than a possible GEB Seed Catalog Party
  - D. GEB, Seed catalog on internet – Kristin
    1. Still sorting & storing seeds, stay tuned for seed catalog party
  - E. Children's Program, Clausen expansion – Kathy
    1. Guest speaker Mon. 2/9, UAF student Kaylana will talk about her visit to Italy
    2. Escape Room follow up- pending
    3. Kathy has drawings of proposed Loo remodel and is meeting with contractors and collecting estimates for both the remodel and new septic system
    4. Kathy will be out of town for 3 Mondays, and will notify the After School kids.

Staff will cover these dates: 2/16 Darwin; 2/23 ST; 3/3 Kristin @ 5pm

- F. Facilities & Collections– Darwin
  - 1. Discussion on culling books to make space for books from storage, front facing books and a small test area to see what people think
  - 2. ST will take a stab at organizing more help from the volunteer list
  
- V. Old Business
  - A. Special Event’s manager (Sine) proposal – no response back from Sine about her ideas.
  - B. Name change update – Name change to Ester Village Library was talked about and approved at the Annual meeting; thus ST has already started changing our name (the State and will contact the IRS via our taxes).
  
- VI. New Business
  - A. Odds and Ends
    - 1. ST asked if anyone knew about the Soldotna library book in the office – it was a book club book from Soldotna and will be returned to them
    - 2. The library needs to be kept cleaner, as it’s a business and not our home.
    - 3. Conflict of Interest declaration – please sign if you haven’t done so
  - B. Spring Fundraiser date set for April 18
  
- VII. Adjournment: 8:06 PM