

Ester Village Library Board Meeting

March 31, 2026

- I. Call to order: 6:32p
Persons present: ST, Sarah, Kristin, Elizabeth, Kathy, Darwin via What'sApp. Doug Dawson (community member) also present.
- II. Approval of agenda: Approved by unanimous consent
- III. Approval of March 2nd's BOD minutes: Approved by unanimous consent
- IV. Committee & Program updates
 - A. Policies, walkway, Trigg tribute updates – ST
 1. Historical walkway: rather than build and maintain a new path, the trail will be on the road with a pamphlet highlighting historical sites. We may partner with ECA on this.
 2. John Trigg tribute discussion will start in May
 - B. Treasurer's budget, survey results and discussion – Elizabeth
 1. CD renewal: (The CD through Principal Bank is a 6-month CD at interest rates much higher than any local bank). Let it auto-renew? Approved by unanimous consent
 2. Survey results: One of the results was to have more meeting space. After discussion, we decided to begin culling books by genre, starting with cook books and children's books
 - C. Marketing – website and newsletter – Kathy, ST
 1. Sine Anahita no longer wanted to post to our Facebook site, so we needed someone else to do so. Darwin volunteered to do so. Kathy still has the newsletter, and ST still has the website. Whenever any event goes on, we need to keep all 3 people in the loop. ST still has to get credential for Bluehost to Kathy so she can send the newsletter out.
 - D. GEB, Seed catalog on internet – Kristin
 1. Seedy Saturday had about 15 show up to 'check out' seeds to grow. It was a little low, especially compared to last week's Folk School seed program, which had about 50 people. The greenhouse plants have been started, and the plant sale will be at the end of May, but maybe not Memorial Day weekend. The date will be announced later.
 - E. Children's Program, Clausen expansion – Kathy
 1. After discussion of Gary's proposed drawings, we agreed to move forward with the accessible restroom remodel

2. We now need to get stuff out of the storage area and into the white house. What do we do with the refrigerator? Sell the stove and move it there? ST has already contacted Scott Swingle and he's interested. ST needs to get its worth, first.

F. Facilities & Collections– Darwin – We wanted to know if our online catalog can capture information on what books get checked out. Darwin was going to find that out. He estimated that about 30 books get checked out a month.

V. Old Business

A. Spring fundraiser – ST went over more details about the fundraiser. We decided to only have a 3-hour fundraiser, from 7-10 PM. There will be no 50/50 drawing. Flyers will be ready by Friday and people need to pick them up and post them. Darwin needs to get the tables and lights set up from 3-4:30. ST and Sarah will set up the auction items from 4:30-6. We'll have dinner at 6:15 at the Eagle. Doors open at 7, the first table closes at 9:00 and the second one at 9:30.

VI New Business

A. E Bay sales description: Carol from the Collections group wrote a short descriptive blurb (of the Library) to accompany online sale of excess books on E Bay. The blurb was approved to use.

B. Easter is this Sunday and we need people to staff the library from 12-2PM. ST and Sarah agreed to do so.

VII Next meeting date: April 27 via zoom

Adjournment: 8:34p