

Ester Village Library Board Meeting

June 1, 2026

- I. Call to order: 6:31 PM
Persons present: ST, Sarah, Elizabeth, Kristin, Devta and Kathy
Public present: James Menaker (Director, Borough Community Assistance Funds) and Doug Dawson
- II. Approval of agenda: Approved by unanimous consent
- III. Approval of April 27 BOD minutes: Approved by unanimous consent
- IV. James Menaker wanted to see Ester Village Library and to talk about the Community Assistance program. ST inquired about whether diversity restrictions may be forthcoming as pass-down money. Mr. Menaker stated that the CAP funds are not derived from federal funds, so he did not foresee any restrictions
- V. Committee & Program updates
 - A. Policies, walkway, Trigg tribute updates – ST
 1. No policy review/update at this time
 2. Heritage walkway – ST has no time, Devta may continue after her current class
 3. JT Tribute – to include unveiling new Ester Village Library signage. Saturday, Aug 1 at 2:00 PM is the date and time for the Re-Naming Ceremony. ST to order a new sign – everyone stated that they wanted something artistic but legible, bright and cheery with the logo, with smaller signs for the other properties
 - B. Treasurer's budget – Elizabeth
 1. GEB plant sale brought in over \$2200
 2. Old books sold online: \$31.58
 3. One unclaimed gift card (Sunshine Health) left from the Annual Fund Raiser.
 4. Donations: Doug @ Golden Eagle had a large, handmade Alaska Monopoly game and Ansgar Clausen's Fire Plug bib that he donated to us
 - C. Marketing – website and newsletter – Kathy, ST
Newsletter – promote GEB bed planting party 6/10 and EVFD Garage sale
 - D. GEB, Seed catalog on internet – Kristin
GEB Spring Plant Sale: 5 people helped, collected approx. \$2300 and 4 new members. There were approximately 60 people, and most came in the first 30 minutes. The remaining plants will be planted in the GEB gardens.
 - E. Children's Program, Clausen expansion – Kathy
 1. Nothing new in the Children's Programs

2. Clausen Expansion - The RFP (Request For Proposals) process brought in no offers, so Gary suggests we break it into two projects, the remodel and the septic, and Gary will redo the drawings and the RFP's.

F. Facilities & Collections— Kathy has started culling the old cookbooks

VI. Old Business – none

VII. New Business

1. July 4th parade – we'll give away books and candy
2. July 18 is Ester Fest – we'll give away more books
3. Board Search – due to ST and Sarah leaving at the end of the summer, we need to recruit more board members. ST will contact the Foraker Group and place an ad, Darwin will put something on Facebook. Devta suggested an "invitation style" ad. ST to send her something to work with.

VIII. Next meeting date: June 29, 2026; adjournment: 7:54pm