

Ester Village Library Board Meeting

June 29, 2026

- I. Call to order: 6:31 pm
Persons present: ST, Sarah, Kristin, Kathy, (zoom) Elizabeth & Darwin
- II. Approval of agenda: Approved by Unanimous Consent
- III. Approval of June 1 BOD minutes: Approved by Unanimous Consent
- IV. Committee & Program updates
 - A. Policies & Re-Naming ceremony updates – ST
 - 1. Collections Policy - ST will probably pass this on to Darwin to tackle
 - 2. ST is getting another estimate for the new Ester Village Library Sign. Hard Luck Studios quoted \$1035 for a 7 x 3' painted sign on wood. They require 50% down before they will do any artwork. Universal Sign and Lighting is the other possibility. ST will email everyone when they send in a quote. Arctic Signs will redo the small street signs for about \$30 each.
 - B. Treasurer's budget – Elizabeth
 - 1. GEB brought in over \$2000 from the spring plant sale;
 - 2. The EVFD garage sale generated \$90, after donating \$15 to EVFD
 - 3. ST asked Kristin if Square charges fees for cash transactions; Kristin was pretty sure they don't but will check with them.
 - C. Marketing – website and newsletter – Kathy, ST
 - 1. ST reports that the website is having issues, but will start training Kristin on it when it gets resolved.
 - 2. Newsletter notes: July 4 Parade; Ester Fest 7/18; EVFD celebration 7/25
 - D. GEB, Seed catalog on internet – Kristin
 - 1. Kristin is planting the community beds and hauling water from a local stream since there hasn't been enough rain; we discussed options to supply water to the community beds.
 - E. Children's Program, Clausen expansion – Kathy
 - 1. No change with the children's program
 - 2. Remodel update: Our first RFP produced no response, so the project was separated into two parts: interior accessible restroom remodel and exterior septic and dirt work. Responses for this round are due July 18.
 - F. Facilities & Collections– Darwin
 - 1. Darwin will mow the yard before July 4th activity.
 - 2. Darwin can use his dad's truck to haul sauna material away, saving us \$3000 for a dumpster. ST will coordinate with EVFD to cut the building up, and it will be tentatively scheduled for the week of July 21.
- V. Old Business
 - A. July 4 - Kathy has 2 kids volunteering to help decorate and pull the wagon in the parade. ST will purchase candy, streamers and masking tape. The library isn't open on holidays, so Saturday staff has the day off.

- B. Board search: We continue to need more board members, especially a new president. ST has submitted a job description to the Foraker Group, with no response yet. 2 people, Ginny Miner and Amanda Huff have expressed a desire to serve on the board, but not as president. ST stated that this meeting is the last one she will chair as the president so that she can train the incoming president and not just depart – the current board members will have to get together by July 13 and decide who will be the president. Because Alaska statutes prohibit the president and secretary from being the same people, Kathy can't be president. Elizabeth stated that she is still working on her master's degree, and is also so new to the board, thus she feels she wouldn't be a good fit.

VI. New Business - none

VII. Next meeting date: July 27, 2026
Adjournment: 7:35 pm