

Minutes of the Ellsworth Public

Library board of Trustees

June 20,2023 / 6:30 PM

ATTENDEES

Sarah Lesko, Craig MacDonald, Kathleen Cravens, Judith Lyles, Spencer Patterson King, Kristin Onos

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Craig MacDonald at 6:30 pm

Public Comment

Edmund Murrary was present

Consent Agenda

- Minutes of April 18th meeting
- Financial Reports and Planning
- Building and Grounds Report

A motion was made by Spencer and seconded by Judi to approve the consent agenda and motion carried. Craig thanked Edmund for his attendance tonight and also for his 30 plus years of exemplary service to the library and we all acknowledged that the library is beautiful thanks to him and all his expertise. We also acknowledged his comprehensive building priority list which was an attachment to our packets. Kristin then proposed that Edmund prioritize those repairs from his list and that we as a Board decide how much we have to contribute from our investments and Annual Appeal. After discussion it was agreed by all that we have approximately \$55,000 available; and Sarah and Edmund will then pick away at our list of repairs.

Friends of the Library Report

- Two more book sales to look forward to August 10-12 and October 28th.
- Provided funds for Edmund to use for landscaping and paint for youth to paint children's picnic tables. Sarah is awaiting an estimate to replace a bookcase across from the circulation desk and will use funds from the Thompson account to pay for this.

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The Board compliments Sarah on her continued outstanding job. She reports that our budget passed last night. Toni noted that the COLA is 5 % and that library employee benefits will now fall under the city personnel line item as opposed to coming out of our budget. Hurrah!!!She also proposed that we engage the services of a professional grant writer for 3 months for a cost of \$1500.00. Eileen Currier will work 10 hours a month

looking and applying for grants to address the historical repairs and upgrades needed for the Tisdale house. We are delighted that Heart of Ellsworth has offered this collaborative opportunity. She also reports that Maine Community Foundation has awarded us a grant for \$7000.00 for our Library of Things and she will work with Molly from Union River toys to purchase items.

Sarah reports that she has identified a few people who will be a good fit for the Rebranding committee. Spencer and she will be joined by Lily, Joanne, and Jean Pauley.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

Unfinished Business

Estimates for repair or replacements for the windows are being submitted by 3 companies.

New Business

Executive session per MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Sec 406, Paragraph 6A to discuss employment matters

Entered at 19:25 and ended 19:52

DECISIONS, Action Items and Next Steps

Short discussion on town funding to be continued later at present time no town meetings coming up.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 20:20 Next Meeting July 18, at 6:30 pm

Respectively submitted

Kathleen Cravens, Secretary