

Minutes of the Ellsworth Public Library board of Trustees

April 16,2025/ 6:30 PM

ATTENDEE

Sarah Lesko,Craig MacDonald, Kathleen Cravens,Vivek Philip, Rain Perez,Judith Lyles

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Craig MacDonald at 6:35 pm.

Public Comment

No public is present

CONSENT AGENDA

- Friends of the Library Report
- Director's report
- Building and Grounds
- Secretary Report Minutes of March 19,2025
- Financial Report and Planning

A motion was made by Judi and seconded by Craig to approve the consent agenda with one minor correction to the minutes. The correction is that the Farmers Market will be on Saturdays at Fog Town.

Old Business

Town funding requests for 2025: Hancock Town meeting s Tuesday May 13th. Sarah will attend and has several residents lined up to attend and speak up for the library should that be needed.Surry's and Trenton's meeting will be in June and Sarah will attend Surry.

Sarah attended the state library meeting today and reports that their staff was cut in half 13 employees lost their jobs. The state library oversees and provides funding for the interlibrary loan as well as training for staff development and holds large data bases for the entire state.

Sarah reports that this week was library week and many patrons and former board members stopped by with treats and a bouquet of flowers.

Sarah also submitted an application to the federal government for the phase 1 of renovations. Senator Collins and King are aware of this and will advocate for us. We have received our rendered sketch from Carla and Michael and are pleased with it. We will use it in our fundraising and hope to have an article in the Ellsworth American in the coming week using the drawing to explain our renovation and the phases. In phase one we will use our King Foundation and Jimmy Kemp funds for a total of 233,000 dollars.

Sarah is working on a Northern Borders Revitalize ME grant which will be awarded in late summer.

Rain is working with Barrett on a mailer for a summer annual appeal to some of our top donors. We will also pursue another meeting regarding fundraising with some benchmarks provided by input from Judi.

UNfinished Business

none

New Business

- Sarah reports that on this past Saturday staff reported that 6 homeless people were sleeping in the library. The warming Center Inspire closed earlier that week. Therefore she has provided us with a change to the RULES OF LIBRARY BEHAVIOR. The policy will now give authority to the staff to wake individuals found sleeping and advise them that sleeping is not allowed. A unanimous vote of approval is made.
- Sarah reports that the library is very busy and well utilized by families after school and attending the monthly movies.
- Sarah reports that the staffing for the summer looks okay. Thankfully we are flush with volunteers and have a little extra padding for extra hours.

- May 3rd will be the volunteer appreciation breakfast and will be catered by Flexit. We have sent invitations to 15 volunteers. Sarah will purchase chocolates and offer an energy healer workshop on Wednesday for staff which they are excited about. Board members have offered to help set up and bring juice and a fruit salad.
- Charlene is retiring in July. She does not want a retirement party but we will try and brainstorm next month how best we can honor all her years and contributions to the library over the years. We will ask the American to do a feature on her 30 years at the library and her legacy of Genealogy.

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Executive session per MRSA Title 1, Chapter13,Sec406,Paragraph 6A to discuss employment matters

Entered 7:27pm exit 7:38pm

DECISIONS,Action Items and Next Steps

ADJOURNMENT 7:45 pm

Next meeting is May 21 2025

Respectively submitted,

Kathleen Cravens

Kathleen Cravens, Secretary