

Minutes of the Ellsworth Public Library board of Trustees

May 16, 2023 6:30 PM

ATTENDEES

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

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

No public 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. Sarah reported that she and Keli will begin school tours highlighting the summer reading program and other activities. They were able to issue 3 cards to Ellsworth High School students and several students met with them to explore playing a more active role in the library. They will go to the middle and elementary schools in the next couple of weeks.

Somes Sound Gallery has reached out to Sarah and will have an opening on July 29th and plan to highlight us.

She also notes that we are serving as a pick up for Farm Drop FROM 2-5 for local customers. The after 5 pick up will remain at Fog Town BREWERY from 5-7pm.

Friends of the Library report

There is a one day Book Sale this weekend. They will assist with the cost of supplies for painting four youth picnic tables. Three students are submitting their ideas for the designs using book covers.

Old Business

The Board compliments Sarah on her continued outstanding job, citing her success at the Open House which was attended by roughly 259 people. Feedback from the participants was very positive and all are looking forward to next year's events and have some ideas about changing it up and making it bigger.

We are waiting for a date from Sinclair builders to tackle the roof and also awaiting the final budget for capital repairs from City hall. Mainely Vinyl has been contacted regarding window repair/replacement.

Discussion regarding rebranding occurred. Kristin has volunteered along with Spencer to work with Sarah on graphics and perhaps putting together a focus group consisting of 1-2 staff, 1-2 friends and 1-2 patrons and community members. Sarah will begin to suggest names.

Unfinished Business

The granite step repair will begin next week. We will finance this repair from our First National account. The Stephen King account will remain intact.

New Business

Temporary Loan policy was discussed as we recently had a patron inquire about a library card. The patron is here working in Ellsworth for 6 months and has an address in Ellsworth. The question is whether or not to charge for a temporary card. After debate and input a motion is made to leave the policy as amended which highlights the following: patron must present ID, address in Ellsworth, and the card is restricted to check out from our own collection and may not use Mineriva for interlibrary loan. A motion was made and seconded to reflect this change in policy and carried unanimously. Sarah will educate staff to this change. We all agreed we want to continue to be welcoming, inclusive and generous in greeting and assisting our patrons.

Sarah then asked our thoughts on ideas she had explored with Heart of Ellsworth and Phyllis Young; Junior Board members from the high school. We all saw the merits of this but found that we needed to research and gather more information about the legality of this as our Board is elected and we need to see what our charter allows and also talk with the City about pros and cons. We will continue to pursue this as we explore this topic over time.

Sarah has been asked to be the Hancock representative to the MLAC. Anne from Brooklin Library is retiring and has asked Sarah to replace her. The Springmeeting is here in Ellsworth on June 17th. We congratulate Sarah on this recognition. WELL DONE!

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

Entered at 19:15 and ended 19:19

DECISIONS, Action Items and Next Steps

The following Town meetings are coming up:

Gouldsboro June 14th no need to attend

Sullivan last Monday in June THEY SENT \$1000.00 WE REQUESTED \$4800.00

Aurora 9/11/23 no need to attend as we ask a minimal amount and they do not respond

Great POND/ Amherst 8/7/23 no need to attend

Franklin is expanding their own library

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 19:27 Next Meeting June 20 at 6:30 pm

Respectively submitted

Kathleen Cravens, Secretary