

Minutes of the Ellsworth Public

Library board of Trustees

July 18, 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: No public present

Consent Agenda

- Minutes of June 20th 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. Discussion ensued thanking Sarah for her outstanding report as well as Edmund's detailed report. Sarah adds that her goal for next summer is to have an outside music event each month as they continue to be well attended and enjoyed by people of all ages.

She also has had a meeting with Jon Stein from Fogtown and is excited to announce a new book club for Women only to be held at FOGTOWN and will celebrate women and friendship and discuss Romance novels. This will be offered for the months of September, October and November. Sarah reminds us September is National Library card sign up month and she has been working with FLeXit, Sugar Mags, Union River Books and toys, The Grand, Fogtown and Serendib who will offer a discount to those who show their library card.

Friends of the Library Report

Three day book sale August 10-12

OLD BUSINESS

Edmund and Sarah will continue to collaborate on the todo list of building repairs and updates.

Unfinished Business

The Rebrand committee is moving forward and will meet on Tuesday August 8th. Sarah invites anyone from the Board who would like to join her and Spencer to the meeting. Sarah also reports that she has arranged a surprise visit from the

Bakery truck to the Friends Book Sale on Friday. We discussed town funding letters and also the Annual appeal letter. Judy and Kathleen will collaborate with Sandy on the Annual Appeal timeline and letter and present it at the August meeting. The annual appeals is used for materials which include all our books and materials excluding periodicals which do come out of the city budget. Sarah is working closely with Overdrive and what other Maine libraries use this service. Currently the Friends are paying for Cloud LIBRARY which costs \$1300.00 and expires in March.

We also received \$300.00 from Aurora from their town budget. Going forth we will try and include the following in our town funding letters: the individual number of users from their town, the list of services others then checking out books that the library does our programs and examples of services such as caretakers support group, computer access, income tax support etc.

New Business

Sarah reports she has meet with Cara R. from Heart of Ellsworth regarding a Sculpture proposal. Robert Haskell a sculptor is interested in placing a permanent sculpture at the beginning of the River Walk. Cara is pursuing a \$10,000 grant to be used for this. Target date is September 2024.

Sarah met with Phyllis Young, Heart of Ellsworth, and Kathy Young regarding a Bronze statue that would unite George Black of Woodlawn with the library and feature books in the sculpture. This is the start of a proposed 5 year plan. This is a work in progress and Sarah will keep us posted.

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

Entered at 19:30 and ended 19:38

Jean Pauley has joined the library staff which we are delighted to hear and will be offering Music Programs in addition to her other duties.

DECISIONS, Action Items and Next Steps

- Rebranding committee
- Library sign up month
- Update our list of services to include in town funding letters

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 20:20 Next Meeting August 15 at 6:30 pm

Respectively submitted

Kathleen Cravens, Secretary