

Minutes of the Ellsworth Public Library board of Trustees

February 21,2024/ 6:36 PM /

ATTENDEE

Sarah Lesko,Craig MacDonald, Kathleen Cravens,Kristin Onos

Judith Lyles,Rain Perez

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Craig MacDonald at 6:36 pm.

Public Comment:No public present

Consent Agenda

- Friends of the Library Report
- Director's Report
- Minutes of January 18,2024 meeting
- Financial Reports and Planning
- Building and Grounds Report

A motion was made by Kristin and seconded by Judith to approve the consent agenda and motion carried.

Friends of the Library Report

Friends are holding a one day book sale on Saturday March 16th from 10-2.

Unfinished Business

- Sarah reported that faucets are in and our working wonderfully.**Details** will be dropping off floor tile samples later this week for Sarah to review. The goal remains to be historically pleasing, durable and low maintenance.

- Tree has been removed.
- We received the grant for the book boxes. \$2000.00 was awarded and so far we have spent \$450.00. They will be placed in Surry at the Gatherings, Hancock either at Town Hall or at the Women's Center.
- Future Town meetings are Hancock May 14th all paperwork submitted, Trenton we asked for \$7,0000 as they have 400 plus library users and Sarah is networking with some of the patrons to write or email the Trenton TOWN Council to support funding for us. Sarah will attend the Surry Town meeting and typically they are supportive of our request.

New Business

- Sarah had an informal meeting with Carla Haskell, Historical Architect, asking for her input about adding space. Carla indicated that she would be happy to put together some thoughts and ideas and would be happy to share them with the Board after she reviews them first with Sarah. Key points of the discussion included that this would be a multi phase project as we would need to remain open during the renovations. It was also discussed that we will need engineering to evaluate the retaining wall and Carla will work with Frenchmen Bay Conservatory with the details that will need to be included in a grant proposal.
- Budget 2025 :Sarah is working on it but some limitations are making it difficult. The payroll has not been updated since September. She is working with Anne from accounting to get the necessary updates. Edmund has received a bid for repair of the palladium window. We will ask for \$10,000 for capital improvements to address this and the leak in the cellar.

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

None NEEDED

DECISIONS,Action Items and Next Steps

Sarah has met with Jenna Richards from Heart of Ellsworth. They are collecting information from Maine Gear Share and discussing having a table exploring this topic at the Harbor Park in June.

Sarah reports a profit of \$760.00 from Farm Drop.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 Next Meeting March 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Respectively submitted,

Kathleen Cravens, Secretary