

Minutes of the Ellsworth Public Library board of Trustees

March 20,2024/ 6:36 PM /

ATTENDEE

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

Absent Kristin Onos

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Craig MacDonald at 6:50 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 Rain and seconded by Judith to approve the consent agenda and motion carried.

Friends of the Library Report

See attached report. Discussion initiated by Judith that perhaps we look into switching the Funds generated by the Annual Appeal thru the Friends s this is a 501C. We would still be responsible for writing,recording and acknowledging the donations. Also discussed trying to recruit younger people to join the Friends,

Unfinished Business

- Sarah reported that she has worked on the Budget and has made it as light as she could with an overall 1.1% increase..
- Town warrants discussed upcoming are Hancock May 15th. Trenton town meeting will be early ? June. Barrett has composed a letter asking for Trenton Patrons to sign, signifying their support for funding. Wendy has also volunteered to ask residents to attend the town meeting in person to show support.
- Sarah reported on the County Commissioner meeting. Their was no decision regarding the presentation of asking for USING PART OF THE COVID funds for Ebooks county wide, She has asked to be placed on next months agenda to discuss this further,
- Carla Haskell Historical architect has some different ideas regarding renovations for space in the library and will do a presentation in the near future.
- **New Business**
- Sarah provided an overview on some of the concerns of the unhoused population and use of the library. Overall there is an increase in number and longer daily stays. We are no longer providing shower vouchers for showers at the YMCA and we are working closely with the City to be proactive in addressing concerns and problems. We will also need to spend time discussing the River Walk and try and prevent encampments
- We are working with Heart of Ellsworth and Elaine the grant writer exploring options to make the trail ADA accessible. We would need to match the grant with \$10,000 from our own funds, which we agreed was a possible use of our funds. FBO is also involved and has several very talented trail architects.

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

None NEEDED

DECISIONS, Action Items and Next Steps

Sarah provided an overview of new library cards that will be available to celebrate Library week. Barrett asked for local artists participation and we have several very exciting designs to roll out. The money generated from purchase of the new cards will go to the friends.

Baby's first library card is moving forward and Sarah has a meeting with the hospital later this week'

Eclipse glasses are here and being advertised and patrons are very appreciative of receiving them free. We have 500 pairs and they will go quickly as we approach April 8th. Great job Sarah for your foresight and early action.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 Next Meeting April 17, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Respectively submitted,

Kathleen Cravens, Secretary