

Alice L. Pendleton Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2024, 3:15pm

Final version

Brooke opened the meeting at 3:15.

Attending: Melissa Olson (Director), Brooke Hua (Chair), Cressica Brazier, Ed Bacon, Elana Kehoe, Laura Read, Tom Stevens, Susan West (Secretary)

Absent: Jon Bolduc, Priscilla Fort

Ed made the Motion to approve the minutes from April 9, 2024, Elana seconded: unanimous approval of the minutes, without corrections.

Friends' Report

Priscila could not attend, so Mellissa provided information on the mixer for the Friends and the Board of Trustees, with the Select Board and Janet invited, on June 30th @ 3:00 in the garden if the weather is good, inside if it is not.

Director's Report

The Dungeons and Dragons program will be rescheduled, dates to be determined.

The April poetry event was smaller this year, due to several unforeseen circumstances.

The seed swap went very well, with the remaining seeds to be stored in the library's old wooden card catalogue, next to the gardening tools. Laura suggested we can also host a seedling swap; we agreed, and it will be held on May 25th. Elana said that if any seedlings remain, she can bring them to be sold at the school auction on June 1st.

On June 22, the Friends will redo their Irish music program.

The petting zoo is next Saturday, May 18th—come for cows and goat.

The Library and IIT have three joint programs starting on May 25th: Story Walk, Geocaches and Nature Activity Kits.

Ongoing Business

SLI updates from the team:

Melissa reminded us that the Board is the “first generation” sustainability team, and the “second generation” team is Melissia, Brooke, Cressica and Susan. They meet every week on Tuesday at 2:00; all Board members are welcome to attend.

Ed asked if we know what will be discussed in advance in the Tuesday meetings; Melissa answered that there is no set schedule at this time, but that all are able to come and present their ongoing work.

Multiple policy related sections of the SLI: Susan addressed the numerous policy statements that the SLI require, and suggested the approach that we can take in drafting and presenting them in our report to the SLI. The Board had not reworked the Library’s Mission Statement, but as the SLI requires our Mission Statement to be aligned with numerous policy statements for our SLI certification, Susan will work on incorporating sustainability into our Mission Statement for next Tuesday’s team meeting, after which a draft will be sent out to all Board members for feedback and suggested edits. The Board will vote on adopting the revised Mission Statement at our June meeting.

SLI section A.22 Determining your carbon footprint: Cressica presented data from the Library and Islesboro energy audits, in comparison to some Board member’s personal energy footprints. The Library’s energy use will come way down after heat pumps, solar panels, and LED light transitions are made in the Library.

Cressica invited all Board members to do their home energy audits.

Melissa pointed out that the whole SLI project is to raise awareness about sustainability, which then allows each of us to make better decisions.

A.13 Eco-Literacy training:

Brooke encouraged everyone to join in on doing the eco-literacy training, and record your thoughts about it. You do not need to respond to every aspect that the SLI lists in section A.13, but only the ones that interest you. Melissa showed information on the topics and resources in section A.13, and remarked on what the 2nd generation team has worked on thus far.

Melissa also shared information on the Creative Commons, available on the A,13 section webpage. Libraries are part of “GLAM” – Galleries, Libraires, Academics and Museums— institutions that publicly share, for free, access tonall kinds of works, ideas and programs.

Ed mentioned that he is on board of two museums—the Lighthouse and Historical Society, and that these island institutions can learn from what we are doing for the SLI.

New Items for the good of the order:

Brooke encourages us all to become financial supporters of the Friends.

The Booksale is July 20th-27th, every day from 10:30- 4:30.

The tent is installed by volunteers, boards to hold books are lent to us by Viking Limber, and volunteers are needed to attend to patrons at the Booksale, particular on Saturday and Sunday.

Ed suggested the money jar at the Book sale not be clear glass, as it may tempt some to pilfering. Melissa takes out the large cash donations, but she thinks that the honor system is important, and that seeing money encourages folks to put more money in. Some have asked that there be a payment "square" by credit cards for donations, but there are no plans to do it at this time.

The Friends hold their Bake Sale on July 20th –volunteers needed to bake.

Ed mentioned that he met with Melissa to go over the sustainable initiatives to get a better grasp on the work to be done. He is leading the water section, and welcomes anyone else to work with him on it.

Elana doesn't have a section, but she will jump in on anything needed.

Ed had the great idea that this year's 4th of July float for the library can focus on sustainability .

Next Trustees Meeting Date: June 11, 2024, at 3:15 pm.

This is our annual meeting, prior to the summer hiatus of the Board. We will discuss our policies, and vote to accept or reject them. We also hold our elections at this meeting—Elana is the only Board member whose term will expire; she has agreed to run for another term.

Adjournment at 4:18

Submitted by Susan West, Secretary

