

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting  
February 22, 2008

1. Call to Order/Present: (9:05 am)

Board Members: Susan Keller, Paul Reiber, Paul Schulman, Judy Tarbell

Absent: David Alden, Susan Juhl

Staff: Dalen Anderson

Guests: Star Decker, Loraine Duff, Rhoda Teplow

II. Approval Minutes:

Minutes of the Board meetings of January 11, 2008 and February 8, 2008 were approved as corrected.

III. Reports

A. Correspondence: Timber Harvest Plan was received and given to Loraine Duff to give to Ray for perusal. A letter from Holly Tannen complimenting Caspar Community on Caspar Fest was read.

B. Treasurer: A final bill for \$7069.26 was received from Gary Swanson for work done on the driveway. We have already paid \$7,604.50. Judy will evaluate the bill and contact Gary.

C. Manager:

Dalen and Judy attended the grant meeting of the Community Foundation of Mendocino County. They learned that Caspar Community is not eligible to apply this year as we received a grant (\$2,000 for the Community Garden) last year.

Dalen is investigating how to finish the north room floor. She has contacted Steve Clay in Fort Bragg, Cross Country Woods in Willits, and a Lakeport group. Each recommend different treatments -- Traffic (water-based), Traffic (oil-based). Gene Parsons recommends oil-based Zip Guard. Since sanding to bare wood and applying three coats and leaving to cure will require closing the north room for three weeks, it was suggested that we wait until November to do the full treatment and just apply a coat of Traffic to hold the floor until then.

Dalen is planning a plant sale for the March breakfast.

Since the March breakfast is on Easter, we might ask the Children's Garden and Satellite School if they want to organize an Easter-egg hunt.

Greg is back on the job.

Regarding a raise, Dalen is continuing to investigate health plans for herself. She is a contract employee and works approximately 73 hours/month to run the community center. She is currently paid \$18/hour.

IV. Old Business

A. Kitchen and South Room Addition.

We have received a letter from Carl Rittiman noting that the existing septic system meets the needs of the community center. Since there is no new usage in the plan, there is no need for a new system.

We should not include a new shower in the plans, even if it is required for disaster

center status. We should not include food preservation in discussing the use of the new kitchen as it is a food hygiene flag.

Dalen will meet with Dan Dickson re the plot plan for the kitchen. She will ask if he needs elevations.

It would be possible for the plethora of capable volunteers to make the cabinets for the addition if someone donated a wood shop to work in. We might seek such a workspace and set a date for construction.

Judy hopes Rhoda will help in grant writing

#### B. Postal Pavilion

We must set up a committee, including Dan Dickson, to choose who will be the paid contractor to coordinate the volunteers.

#### C. Land Use

This discussion was opened with the comment that perhaps there should be two boards: one to guide and care for the community center; one to look at broader land use matters. In this way, potential angst over land use issues will not impact the community-wide support of the community center.

We decided the May meeting -- as well as being the "Annual Meeting" -- will again look at land use issues. A broad spectrum committee will sponsor this meeting, and it will look at least at five matters: deciding who decides; leaving the zoning as it is; forming a community land trust (CLT) which owns and develops the former Caspar Lumber Company land, and offers leases for workforce housing; a variation of this CLT with some land sold with development restrictions; forming a community services district to own and distribute community water. Other topics will be included as requested. Feedback and involvement will be encouraged with the following: having a facilitator at the meeting; putting out a newsletter before the meeting; form an Outreach Committee. Hopefully this will engage the alienated and disengaged.

#### V. New Business

##### A. Videos of Caspar Lumber Company

Star Decker and Gene Parsons suggest that Bruce Levene show copies of old Caspar videos. Bruce and Gene will contact Dalen.

##### B. Outreach Committee

Star Decker suggests the formation of an Outreach Committee. She will send out an email and discuss it at the next meeting.