

**Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting**

**March 7, 2008**

**I. Call to Order/Present: (Call to Order at 9:15 a.m.)**

**Board Members:** David Alden, Judy Tarbell, Susan Juhl, Paul Schulman,, Paul Reiber,

**Absent:**,Susan Keller

**Staff:** Dalen Anderson.

**Guests:** Rhoda Teplow; Charlene Rowland, Star Decker

Quorum Declared: Yes   X   No       

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes for the Board meeting on February 22, 2008 were approved as corrected. All Minutes since June 2005 have now been corrected and posted on web site.

**III. Reports**

**A. Correspondence**

Letters of support for the kitchen project and loan applications have been received from R. Teplow Presents, Mendo Coast Clinics and Cynthia Wall.

**B. Treasurer:**

With the Cantus Foundation donation, we now have approximately \$101,938.00 in cash in the kitchen fund. Treasurer distributed an accounting statement for the Schwab fund. We also have \$6,548.00 in the CC checking account.

Gary Swanson presented a final bill for the driveway work of \$6,507, bringing his total invoices to \$14,688. This includes \$561 more than the original bid plus the change orders we gave him. Commenting that this work was done on the fly with many change orders, the Board decided to pay the \$561 since the work was incurred in good faith and as part of a job well done.

**C. Manager's Report**

Faith and about one-half of the Tai Chi and Pilates classes are leaving, but an African dance class and another dance class have been added to the roster of regular renters. The Caspar Children's Garden benefit dinner and a benefit for the SurfRiders Ass'n are scheduled in the near future.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Officers and Directors**

Rhoda Teplow has attended the requisite number of Board meetings to create a presumption that she is of sound mind and not acting under any undue outside influence when she professes an interest in joining the Board as a Director. Accordingly, the Board unanimously voted Rhoda Teplow onto the Board as a director and enthusiastically welcomed her to the fray.

## **B. Earth Ovens**

Charlene Rowland joined us to discuss the possibility of putting on a seminar on the creation of earth ovens, and the creation of one at the CCC as part of the seminar project. Charlene is an expert in sustainable agriculture, and is presently working for the Stanford Inn.

Michael Smith, who is knowledgeable about earth ovens, is available to help present the seminar. Its cost (to the CC) would be his fee of \$350/day plus some costs for materials. He can do either a one or two day seminar. It was proposed that a fee of \$20 to \$40 per person could easily cover his costs. The Board determined to go forward with the idea, as outlined above, and that the CC would pick up any costs not covered by the seminar fee. The date of Aug. 16-17 was proposed for a two day seminar. Charlene will inform us at next Board meeting.

## **V. Old Business**

### **A. Kitchen Project/Pavilion**

Five contractors have expressed interest in the mail pavilion, including Able Builders. Next step is to interview them. Would be good if Dan Dickson can join in interviews. The new Postmaster in Fort Bragg has no objection to the pavilion, but noted that construction should not interfere with mail delivery and pickup.

The USDA is visiting the CCC on March 13 at 11:00 a.m. All who can be there are encouraged to come.

### **B. CCC Maintenance**

Dalen met with Steve Clay who recommended using a product called "Traffic" on the floors and that we simply plan to re coat it once a year. Our plan is to redo the floor in the North Room during the week of May 17.

### **C. Dalen's Compensation**

Dalen has investigated the availability of health benefits. Her benefit policy costs her about \$272 per month, and she has proposed that in lieu of any raise, the CC pick up one-half of that cost. (a \$2/hour raise would be the same thing.) The Board voted unanimously to give her a raise of \$2.00/hour effective January 1, 2008.

### **D. Community Meeting**

The next community meeting would be on May 4, 2008. Star Decker and Gene

Parsons have proposed forming an Outreach Committee to seek community input on the land use issues. Star proposes that we develop a data base of residents for use in disaster preparedness as well as for communications with the community. That committee could be responsible for creating posters and otherwise communicating with the community on these issues. Gene volunteered to facilitate the next community meeting discussion of land use issues. A target will be to publish a newsletter by the end of April with an article by the Community Outreach Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.