

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting

March 27, 2009

I. Call to Order at 9:05 a.m.

Board Members Present: Paul Reiber, Rhoda Teplow, Paul Schulman, Susan Juhl, Judy Tarbell, Susan Keller, David Alden and Bette Goldfarb

Absent: Annie Lee

Staff: Dalen

Guest: Loraine Duff

Quorum Declared: Yes X No

II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of February 27 and March 17 were corrected by Paul Schulman and then accepted as corrected.

III. REPORTS

A. Correspondence

Dalen reported on what she received.

B. Manager

A Mother's Day pizza party will be on May 10 in late afternoon using the new oven. Details will follow. The Equinox Ball was totally successful with lots of children and new community involvement. The ball raised \$4,300. The bar raised \$549 after expenses and \$313 went to CCC and \$235 went to the playground.

Matt Rowland proposed installing bars up high for future drapery. Paul S. and Dalen will do the work of installing pvc bars and paint them.

Dalen reported the following events in the near future: more weddings, a baptism, 4-H, John Trudell, Cinco de Mayo, FB Junior Prom, and a flea market in May. The next breakfast will also have a plant swap on April 26.

Rhoda suggested that there be children's prices on the breakfast menu.

The "Dammah brothers" film by Ed Murrell will be tonight at 7 pm.

Paul S. said there is a 10 year LED light installed. He will adjust the switch placement.

C. Financial Committee/Treasurer.

Dalen produced a many paged, colored report for the committee. It was very complete. We are working on what Dalen's new salary will be after deductions. She would like a decision soon on the pay rate. We can't make the numbers make sense. CCC will pay workman's compensation, unemployment insurance and perhaps half of her social security. Judy said CCC must pay these. We have to do it. It will cost us, but Dalen and Greg will get benefits. We have to establish a baseline and maybe later consider a raise. Ideally we want to settle it by the end of the month. Anita Bower suggested \$22.50. A long discussion pursued. Payroll amount and Dalen's raise are two separate items. Paul R. moved to authorize the board to set her salary at a no increase no decrease rate per the finance committee recommendation. A possible raise will be discussed at the next

meeting. Bette seconded the motion. It was approved.
Dalen will meet with Ruth Dubberpuhl to clean up the financial reports.

D. Caspar 2020

Rhoda said to see notes and stories on Coast 2020.

E. Community Foundation of Mendocino County

Rhoda reported on her phone conference with Megan Allende who said Dalen wrote a great narrative for the grant application to fund the new stove, but that the other 72 applicants showed grave financial need and were poverty or disaster based. Next year she suggested that we mention we have already raised much of the needed money for the stove that will feed the community in a disaster scenario.

IV OLD BUSINESS:

A. Kitchen

Judy talked with USDA about economic stimulus money. Other agencies already have deadlines for projects, but USDA, which is recipient of community funding, as of yet, has no guidelines set up and it will only fund a part. Because \$37,000 is Caspar's median income, we can apply for 35% for any grant we request. Anita Lopez said we should put in an application for the deck and solar panels because it is not in the loan package. The deck and solar panels will cost \$105,000. We could get \$36,000 from an energy stimulus package grant, and we would have to raise the rest. Judy will check the deadlines and guidelines. Judy and Paul R will try to meet with Dan Dickson. Ron is ready to draw. We still need the plans for the kitchen from Dan before we can go forward on the kitchen.

B. Playground

Paul S. said there are still issues regarding the placement of the equipment, and there is a timeline for the permits for May and June to have it built in July. We can't issue a plan before we know where to place the playground.

The families of the young children would like it placed near the garden. The two Pauls have measured off an area 60' X 45' with flags. Marissa is now happy with this smaller area. There is opposition from neighbors to have it near the garden and another neighbor wants the existing playground to remain. Many parents feel the old playground is a hazard. Rhoda said the playground would be pleasant in front of the new kitchen deck from where the parents could watch their children at play out of the north wind. Bette said the playground should remain small. Paul x 2 took us out on a tour of the proposed sites. David said it should be the furthest from residential area and that would be in the existing area. However, if there were a band on the new south deck, there would be no room for an audience to stand or dance because of the playground.

The secretary left at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Teplow