

## Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting

August 27, 2010

### I. Call to Order/Present: (Call to Order at 9:06 a.m.)

Board Members: David Alden, Annie Lee, Paul Reiber, Paul Schulman, Judy Tarbell, Rhoda Teplow, Miriam Davis, and Jessie Lee Van Sant.

Absent: Susan Keller and Susan Juhl

Guest: Bette Goldfarb

Staff: Dalen Anderson

Quorum Declared: Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of August 20 were accepted as read. Board meetings will be held on Friday mornings at 10:30 am until further notice.

### III. Correspondence

UCB sent us a catalogue for their environmental design school.

### IV. Treasurer

No report.

### V. Committee Reports

#### A. Manager's Report

Pub Nite needs volunteers at 4 pm. It is Sat., Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

#### B. CasparFest

Paul S. passed out posters and flyers. SF Examiner published an article and paid ad. Dalen and Paul organized lists of volunteers.

After all expenses are deducted, the proceeds from the gate will be split between Noyo Food Forest and Caspar Community. Proceeds from food, bar and t-shirts go to Caspar Community. Zoë is paid up to \$500. Dalen will donate her time on Sat. and Sunday. Noyo Food Forest will organize the films and workshops, content, set up, recycling and trash. We are doing all the food so we might make more money for the community. Miriam said we should put the CasparFest on the agenda for the next meeting to be reviewed after the event.

#### C. Garden

Jerry York has been a very enthusiastic gardener.

#### D. Kitchen

Paul R. sent us all a draft of the letter to the three contractors. Dan said to cut 25% of the cost he would have to change the South Roof design. Windows and flooring could also be downgraded. We could physically change the design outside or make the inside of lower quality materials. Paul S. had an idea to just build the kitchen. Dan felt that was too extreme. Rhoda brought up that another option would be to raise the needed \$90,000. We will have to rebid. USDA said we could scale back on the project and ask the 3 contractors for new bids. Jessie

made a motion, which Paul S. seconded, to mail out Paul R.'s draft letter to the 3 contractors. Chris Matson of Matson Construction said we weren't responding to his request for information fast enough. We received a letter from James Jackson; Esq. David said it is too soon to vote on Jessie's motion. Paul R. said the best thing would be to get the contractors' and subcontractors' ideas for how to lower costs. Legally we only have to follow USDA's requirements, said David. Bette suggested that we cut our costs and go out to bid again to the 3 contractors. Jessie and Paul S. retracted their motion. Paul R. suggested that we have a meeting with the 3 contractors on how to lower the costs. David said raising \$45,000 is easier to do than raise the \$90,000. Judy said we should do it now or we will lose our enthusiasm. Dalen said we should not do it cheap and shoddy. Judy said we should do it for less money and still keep up the quality. Paul R. said we should redo the project to something that we can afford. We need to be clear about what criteria we will use. Perhaps we are just in Phase I. David suggested having a pre-meeting with Dan before going to the contractors. Dalen brought out the model of the center with the remodel, and the members of the board suggested ideas for reducing the costs. Right now it is \$325 a sq. ft. We anticipate reopening the bids to the same 3 contractors requesting their new ideas of how to restructure the plans and to lower the costs. Annie and Jim Tarbell will edit Paul's letter to the three contractors, which will go out Monday.

Dalen requested to form a committee to draft a fundraising letter to raise the needed money for the new plan. The consensus was that we proceed to discuss how to cut costs and after that we will send out the fundraising letter.

#### E. Pub Nite

Jess Lee said she has been talking it up, people are enthusiastic about it and her band will come.

#### F. Halloween

We will do Day of the Dead skull decorating party and collect a fee. Dalen will ask about Frankie's plans.

### **Reminders:**

**CasparFest Meeting:** Tuesday, August 31, 3:30 pm

**Next Board Meeting:** Friday, Sept. 10, 10:30 am

**Pizza Party: Sunday, Sept. 12, 4 pm bring your own toppings.**

**Annual Fundraising Dinner:** Saturday, November 13, mushroom dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Teplow