

Caspar Community Center
Friday, December 27, 2013

1. Call to Order 9:05

Present: Rochelle Elkan, Bob Frey, Susan Juhl, Annie Lee, Paul Reiber, Paul Schulman

Staff: Dalen Anderson

Guests: Michael Potts, Judy Tarbell

2. Minutes of December 3 corrected and accepted.

3. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

Discussion of the By-Laws was tabled.

4. Correspondence

The CC received Christmas cards from Hogan and Stickle and Randy's Custom Glass.

5. Reports

A. Executive Director

- New classes: Melinda Filer –Yoga, Chants and Meditation Wednesdays 6:30; Senegalese Drumming Tuesdays 5:30 and Wednesdays 4:00.
- Someone tripped on the concrete slab at the bottom of the stairs and was injured; no claim was filed. Dalen will paint edges white.

B. Finance/Treasurer

The committee met; David was absent. Dalen is waiting to hear from Hogan & Stickle regarding accounting of depreciation expenses.

Michael noted that the new database system can detail donor history and generate specific contact lists; Dalen will enter new donors.

C. Pub Night /Breakfast

- PN – Dalen doing posters; Jima will distribute. Katrina is cooking in January, Chris Cisper and Jaqueline Hewitt in February.
- Breakfast – Karina and Kris Reiber will cook for the January breakfast.

D. Garden

Some money is coming in; Rochelle is keeping records and working out accounting with Dalen.

E. Facilities

- Jim Ransom of Jungle Jim Floors received rave recommendations and will refinish the north room and hallway in March. The south room will need to be refloored
- The refrigerator is installed.
- The dry dish table will be delivered Monday.
- Paul S. installed the new, somewhat effective flytrap required by State Health.
- The Community Foundation will let us know about the defibrillator grant.
- To be installed: a high shelf for little used items and locked pantry for storage of alcohol.

Solar

Michael sent a detailed discussion and history of the CC's consideration of solar energy. (See attached.) A grid-tied system without a back-up propane generator and/or batteries would be useless if there is no power; since the CCC is our potential disaster center, the issue needs more thought.

Michael urged the Board to think more broadly and proactively about taking a lead in developing sustainable-environment practices (e.g., the County gray water regulations may soon be revised; we could use sink water for the garden) and develop a long-term plan that would make the CCC robust. Involve participants in CasparFest in planning and become "standard bearers for living prudently on the coast."

Bob suggested the big picture includes the capacity to accommodate changes in technology and possible inclusion of a charging stations for electric cars.

Our CDP has expired; we will need a renewal if possible or a new permit. A contract should include permitting. Michael suggested considering several possible contractors and using as much volunteer labor as possible.

There was some discussion about batteries, inverters, etc. Michael offered to research information and contractors.

Paul S., Bob and Michael volunteered to be on an ad hoc Solar Committee. Meeting Friday, January 3 at 9.

Headlands Eucalyptus

- Rene Pasquinelli contacted Michael about California State Parks' desire to burn the slash piles. Judy was concerned about the smoke, especially because of the poison oak. In addition to the list serve, the February newsletter will contain an article.
- There are various plants growing on the Headlands, such as gorse and broom. Michael suggested we develop a group of volunteers to maintain the headlands on a monthly basis and thought that Parks would support such an effort.

F. Fundraising/Marketing

- New Year's Eve – Appetizers and desserts are being requested; there will be prep Tuesday at 10.
- Dalen offered to cook the dinner for CasparFest.
- Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen Dinner concert on Sunday, March 2. Dalen will cook.

H. Community Planning and Outreach

Paul R. commented that there is no one on the current Board focused on Community Planning. Michael noted that the critical issue is water. Judy would like to see a series of small neighborhood meetings to identify systems, water use and 12-month history, with possible door-to-door follow-up and a community meeting.

Michael suggested using CasparFest to design survey and include Patty Madigan.

Dalen pointed out that we need to know the state of Oscar's water—how much do the wells produce? Paul S. asked if we might approach Eric as potential buyers to verify quantity. Offer to pay for a licensed expert and share info

The CP Committee will meet before CasparFest; Dalen will email notice.

Jim Tarbell will talk with those living in Oscar's houses to see if anyone is interested in a Community Land Trust.

7. New Board Members

Glenn and Heidi have been invited to come to the next meeting.

Bill Imhoff expressed interest in being on the Facilities Committee but not on the Board.

Ed Murrell has expressed interest in being on the Board. Paul R. will talk with him.

Mike Dell'Ara likes to help but not necessarily on the Board.

Sienna is not quite ready but may consider membership if Rochelle rotates out.

Dan Gjerde is probably most helpful in his role as Supervisor.

It was decided to continue asking prospective members to attend three meetings.

8. Bulk mailing permit

The cost is \$200/year. We used it once this year and saved about \$150 but paid about \$30 in returned letters. With our ID number we can use a mailing house at close to the same cost. Bob MOVED not to renew the permit. Rochelle seconded. PASSED unanimously.

Adjourned 11:05

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Lee

Calendar

Tuesday, December 31	Appetizer Prep, 10 New Year's Eve
Friday, January 3	Solar Committee, 9
Tuesday, January 7	Facilities Committee, 10:30
Friday, January 10	Board Meeting, 9 Pub Night
Saturday, January 11	Work Party, 10
Thursday, February 6	Garden Committee, 2
Friday, February 14	Board Meeting, 9
Friday/Saturday, February 7-8	CasparFest
Sunday, March 2	Gillette-Mangsen Dinner Concert
Friday, March 14	Board Meeting, 9
Sunday, March 30	Community Meeting