

Caspar Community Center
Friday, May 9, 2014

1. Call to Order 9:05

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

Staff: Dalen Anderson

Guest: John Anderson, Marty Johnson, Michael Potts, Glenn Rude

2. Minutes of March 14, 2014 were accepted as corrected.

3. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

4. Sustainable Caspar

- Michael distributed a First Quarterly Report listing issues needing prioritization and the facilitators for each area. The Board should encourage leadership in addressing these problems proactively and model and publicize a commitment to responsible practices.
- In response to several inquiries about greywater, Michael asked Board approval \$400 for a hands-on workshop with Anna Birkas on Sunday, July 27, 11:30-6:30.
- Since water is such a pressing concern, Marty, Sakina, and Michael will continue to work on the survey and develop neighborhood groups (Downtown, Seadrift, Rooster Flats/Fern Creek, and Caspar Orchard/Outer Fern Creek) to get more questionnaire responses and discuss issues prior to the workshop and next community meeting. Michael suggested that at least one Board member participate in each group.

5. Correspondence

- Dalen received notice of a disaster preparedness workshop for nonprofits Thursday, June 6 in Ukiah. Annie will attend.
- A draft of Paul S.'s letter to Susan Keller was circulated for comment and approval.

6. Reports

A. Executive Director

- The center is still quite busy. New events include Paul Garvin's pizza party for a Teen Mountain Biking club, a new Contradance/Waltz class, the Montessori Spring Fling next Saturday, and continuing canning workshops and free-form dance classes. Marty said she felt much of the Center's broad appeal results from Dalen's equanimity and welcoming attitude.
- The Mother's day Tea has had few reservations; it was decided to cancel.

B. Finance/Treasurer

- We are ahead of budget; rentals are up 53.6%. David cautioned the Board to focus on programs – our mission is sustainable community. If rentals become primary, we will have tax issues.
- David suggested we live with the budget and report structures for a while; some aspects of these have been established to meet IRS requirements.
- Taxes have been completed.

C. Pub Night /Breakfast

- The Pub Night Committee changed the process to avoid walk-outs: people will order and pay upon entering, take a number to their table, and be served.
- The next breakfast will be in conjunction with the Flea Market and should be big.

C. Garden

- Eli is developing a proposal for the second tank and pump with a cutover valve between the two tanks.
- There is a new protocol for compost: leftovers from meals now go into green waste.
- There will be a workday on Thursday, June 19, at 10 to build a privacy screen for the

- compost and reinforce stakes in the fencing and next to the water spigots.
- Rochelle asked if mowing could include the perimeter and central aisle of the garden.
- The next meeting is Thursday, August 14 at 10.

D. Facilities

Solar

- Bob and Paul S. proposed rebuilding the shed with three compartments (one for recycling/trash, one for batteries and charger, entrance on north side, and one for the generator, entrance on west side) with oversight by John Wozniak and labor by Jason and volunteers. Cost estimate under \$5,000. Paul R. commented that the generator, to be installed by North Coast Refrigeration and Electric, could be purchased later. The electric service will need to be remodeled (\$2,500-\$2,000). Several options for panels and batteries were discussed. An electric car charging station could be part of project.
- Installing the solar panels on the roof avoids the need for a Coastal Development Permit, saving \$2,000 and many months' delay. We will be using black panels (slightly more expensive) because of Coastal Commission viewshed requirement and aesthetics.
- There is \$61,000 in the Tarbell and solar funds; an estimated \$50,000 will be needed for the project, which could be completed by the fall. Bob Frey will negotiate with Bruce.
- Paul R. MOVED that the Solar Committee and Facilities Committee move forward with the acquisition of a solar power system as described in the plan, including the shed rebuild, backup generator and possible charging station with a maximum cost of \$60,000. Unanimously approved.

Other

- There is a new lock on the office door. Dalen provided new keys.
- Bob suggested that we could rent a projector from Matt as needed rather than purchase.
- Paul S. will continue to research new tables and carts.
- There will be a work party on Saturday, May 24 at 9 to take items out of the barn. The CCC will use the postal pavilion to sell. Paul S. will manage. The undercounter refrigerator will be offered at the Flea Market.
- David suggested running the light wires on the other side of the wall with a control box and new light board.
- There will be a Facilities Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 10 at 10.

E. Fundraising/Events

Meeting Tuesday, June 10 at 11.

G. Community Planning and Outreach

Paul R. suggested we focus on the doable items on Michael's list. Rochelle suggested checking the list at each Board meeting.

7. Election of Board members

Susan and David will be cycling off the Board. Marty Johnson and Glenn Rude were elected. Terms are three years.

Officers: President – Paul Reiber, Vice-president - Bob Frey, Secretary – Annie Lee, Treasurer – Marty Johnson.

Members: Rochelle Elkan, Paul Schulman

Ed Murrell and possibly Gowan are still interested. Heidi Kraut will consider later
Annie will write an article about the new Board.

Adjourned 11:00

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Lee

Calendar

Sunday, May 18	Board BBQ, 5
Wednesday, May 21	Pub Night Committee, 10
Saturday, May 24	Pre-Flea Market work party, 9
Sunday, May 25	Breakfast & Flea Market
Tuesday, June 10	Facilities Committee, 10
	Fundraising/Marketing, 11
Friday, June 13	Board Meeting
	Pub Night
Thursday, June 19	Garden Workday, 10
Sunday, June 22	Fourth Sunday Breakfast
Friday, July 11	Board meeting
	Pub Night
Sunday, July 13	Community Meeting
Sunday, July 27	Graywater Workshop , 11:30-6:30
Thursday, August 14	Garden Committee, 10
Sunday, October 12	Community Meeting
Sunday, July 27	Grey water workshop with Anna Birkas, 11:30
Sunday, January 11, 2015	Community Meeting